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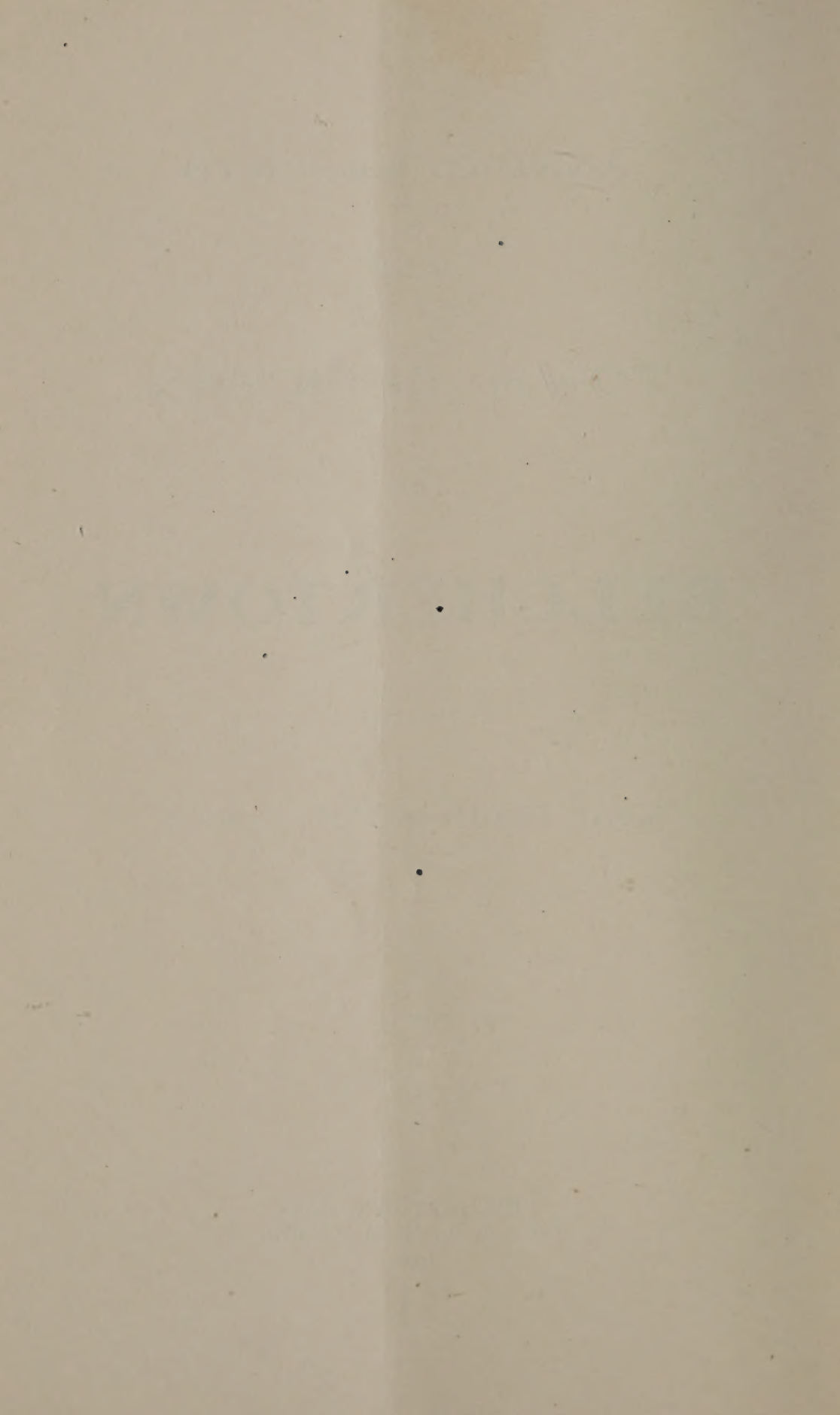




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## Assessors' Report.

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Value of assessed real estate, May 1st, 1904, | \$742,810.00 |
| Value of assessed personal estate,            | 113,485.00   |
|                                               | \$856,295.00 |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$16.90 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$12,553.49 |
| Tax on personal estate, | 1,917.89    |
| 561 polls,              | 1,122.00    |
|                         | \$15,593.38 |

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS :

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$12,756.00 |
| State tax,                          | 725.00      |
| County tax,                         | 1,938.28    |
| State highway tax,                  | 63.20       |
| Overlaying,                         | 110.90      |
|                                     | \$15,593.38 |

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Residents assessed on property,     | 435    |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 150    |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 188    |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,945 |
| Horses,                             | 573    |
| Cows,                               | 1,484  |
| Neat cattle, other than cows,       | 400    |
| Sheep,                              | 35     |
| Swine,                              | 160    |
| Fowls,                              | 2,280  |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 502    |

|                   |   |              |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN JR., | } | Assessors    |
| F. B. ALDEN,      |   | of           |
| A. L. PRATT,      |   | Belchertown. |



## Collector's Report.

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Balance in Collector's hands, Feb. 15, 1904, for tax 1903, \$1,667.49

Amount collected and paid Treasurer, 1,667.49

Amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors'

Warrant, dated July 30, 1904, was \$15,593.38

He has collected and paid to the Treasurer, \$14,015.59

He has allowed a discount to tax payers accord-

ing to vote of the town, amounting to, 261.72

—————\$14,277.31

Balance in Collector's hands, 1,316.07

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*

## Treasurer's Report.

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| 1904. |    | <i>Dr.</i>                              |            |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------------|------------|
| Feb.  | 15 | Balance due on settlement,              | \$1,703.58 |
|       | 18 | Cash of M. A. Morse, account of school, | .50        |
|       | 20 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 113.31     |
| March | 1  | M. S. Barton, Creamery Co.,             | 54.63      |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                          | 253.23     |
|       | 12 | H. M. Jepson, butcher's license,        | 1.00       |
|       | 12 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 101.19     |
|       | 19 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 70.74      |
|       | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 53.50      |
| April | 1  | Town Farm,                              | 20.57      |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                          | 44.75      |
|       | 5  | J. A. Crosier, fines in District Court, | 10.00      |
|       | 8  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,               | 38.54      |
|       | 14 | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,     | 2.00       |
|       | 16 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 46.08      |
|       | 23 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 47.48      |
|       | 30 | C. H. Snow, liquor license,             | 1.00       |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank, three months,             | 2,000.00   |
|       | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                          | 48.30      |
| May   | 2  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,               | 39.65      |
|       | 2  | Herbert Paine, butcher's license,       | 1.00       |
|       | 4  | Richard A. French, butcher's license,   | 1.00       |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                          | 142.34     |
|       | 5  | Ira E. Damon, butcher's license,        | 1.00       |
|       | 5  | Town Farm,                              | 66.72      |
|       | 7  | Fred Fuller,                            | 1.00       |
|       | 7  | D. F. Shumway,                          | 78.23      |

|       |    |                                                         |          |
|-------|----|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May   | 14 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                                  | \$ 33.24 |
|       | 20 | State Treasurer support of state pauper,                | 51.00    |
|       | 21 | John Queen show license,                                | 3.50     |
|       | 31 | Amherst Bank, 3 months,                                 | 2500.00  |
|       | 31 | Town Farm,                                              | 55.81    |
|       | 31 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 56.40    |
| June  | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 20.00    |
|       | 11 | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                               | 30.69    |
|       | 18 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 34.26    |
|       | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 68.67    |
| July  | 1  | John Stadler butcher's license,                         | 1.00     |
|       | 1  | Town Farm,                                              | 33.75    |
| July  | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 20.00    |
|       | 4  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                               | 42.06    |
|       | 7  | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 18.00    |
|       | 16 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 13.81    |
|       | 29 | Amherst Bank, 3 months renewed note,                    | 2,000.00 |
|       | 29 | Amherst Bank, 2 months renewed note,                    | 2,000.00 |
| Aug.  | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 9.70     |
|       | 3  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                               | 42.18    |
|       | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 20.00    |
|       | 12 | State Treasurer, support of state paupers,              | 35.00    |
|       | 12 | State Treasurer, compensation inspection<br>of animals, | 46.50    |
|       | 12 | State Treasurer, education of state<br>children,        | 473.50   |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 16.00    |
|       | 20 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                | 18.08    |
|       | 20 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                | 22.04    |
|       | 22 | Town Farm,                                              | 9.65     |
|       | 23 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 199.76   |
|       | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 348.51   |
|       | 31 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 186.97   |
|       | 31 | Amherst Bank, three months,                             | 1,500.00 |
| Sept. | 1  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                               | 40.15    |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 238.24   |
|       | 10 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                | 35.56    |
|       | 10 | D. F. Shumway,                                          | 372.19   |



|       |    |                                                                     |           |
|-------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sept. | 16 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                                              | \$ 379.49 |
|       | 17 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 152.39    |
|       | 17 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 11.70     |
|       | 21 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 9.00      |
|       | 22 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 341.51    |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 235.49    |
|       | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 323.50    |
|       | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 1757.88   |
| Oct.  | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 1006.92   |
|       | 1  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                                           | 43.40     |
|       | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 1616.93   |
|       | 3  | J. A. Crosier, fines in District Court,                             | 125.00    |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 109.27    |
|       | 8  | N. Randall,                                                         | 3.00      |
|       | 11 | Cash of State Treasurer, Abolition of<br>grade crossing loan,       | 12.00     |
|       | 11 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 130.92    |
|       | 11 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 7.34      |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 9.46      |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 102.69    |
|       | 19 | D. K. Shumway for lumber,                                           | .50       |
|       | 21 | F. & M. Club, use of Town Hall,                                     | 2.00      |
|       | 22 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 257.67    |
|       | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 329.37    |
|       | 29 | Town of Enfield,                                                    | 23.85     |
|       | 31 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 21.35     |
|       | 31 | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                                           | 42.32     |
| Nov.  | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 416.47    |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 97.52     |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 10.00     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 60.00     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                                            | 14.50     |
|       | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 174.02    |
|       | 14 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 154.39    |
|       | 15 | N. Randall, from Society for Preven-<br>tion of Cruelty to Animals, | 20.00     |
|       | 17 | F. E. Burnett, rent of Town Hall,                                   | 4.00      |
|       | 18 | Amherst Bank, one month,                                            | 1,500.00  |

|      |    |                                                   |           |
|------|----|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|      | 19 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                            | \$ 137.97 |
|      | 19 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                          | 2.59      |
|      | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 93.00     |
|      | 30 | Amherst Bank, one month,                          | 1,500.00  |
|      | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 228.57    |
| Dec. | 5  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                         | 39.88     |
|      | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 466.22    |
|      | 10 | Corporation tax,                                  | 111.68    |
|      | 10 | National Bank tax,                                | 252.07    |
|      | 10 | Military aid,                                     | 1,556.00  |
|      | 12 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 208.40    |
|      | 12 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                          | 5.69      |
|      | 17 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 168.55    |
|      | 24 | State Treasurer, board of insane at<br>almshouse, | 41.60     |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 542.66    |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                          | 48.00     |
| Dec. | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 195.32    |
|      | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 169.70    |
|      | 30 | Amherst Bank, one month,                          | 1500.00   |
|      | 31 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 520.28    |
| 1905 |    |                                                   |           |
| Jan. | 2  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                         | 40.28     |
|      | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 418.63    |
|      | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 61.04     |
|      | 3  | John A. Crosier, fines in dist. Court,            | 150.00    |
|      | 9  | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,                          | 16.81     |
|      | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 179.87    |
|      | 13 | County Treasurer, dog fund,                       | 390.57    |
|      | 14 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 77.07     |
|      | 21 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 507.73    |
|      | 23 | Town of Petersham,                                | 59.38     |
|      | 24 | Interest on Cemetery Fund,                        | 94.78     |
|      | 27 | State Treasurer, income Mass. school<br>fund,     | 1052.92   |
|      | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 143.30    |
| Feb. | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                    | 252.74    |
|      | 2  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                         | 49.32     |



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|------|----|----------------------------------|----------|
| Feb. | 2  | Cash of D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax, | \$ 66.33 |
|      | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                   | 296.68   |
|      | 7  | N. Randall,                      | 6.20     |
|      | 11 | D. F. Shumway,                   | 128.22   |
|      | 13 | Damage to school property,       | 6.15     |
|      | 13 | G. H. B. Green,                  | 1.80     |
|      | 15 | D. F. Shumway, 1903 tax,         | 34.59    |
|      | 15 | B. Freeman, Town Farm,           | 156.17   |
|      | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                   | 528.26   |

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\$ 37,550.43

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|-------|----|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| March | 8  | Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in district court, | \$ 5.16  |
| April | 5  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 7.53     |
|       | 30 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 22.50    |
| May   | 31 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 28.13    |
| June  | 20 | State Treasurer, account of liquor licenses,        | .25      |
| July  | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 9.74     |
|       | 29 | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 2,000.00 |
|       | 29 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 22.50    |
|       | 29 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 15.00    |
| Aug.  | 2  | Reuben Bell, services in district court,            | 4.45     |
|       | 2  | D. H. Tillson, services in district court,          | 4.95     |
|       | 31 | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 2,500.00 |
|       | 31 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                           | 16.88    |
| Sept. | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 24.09    |



|       |    |                                                      |             |
|-------|----|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sept. | 2  | Cash paid D. H. Tillson, services in district court, | \$ 23.97    |
|       | 20 | Reuben Bell,                                         | 16.80       |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 2,000.00    |
| Oct.  | 3  | County tax,                                          | 1,938.28    |
|       | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,            | 11.39       |
|       | 4  | F. W. Brockway, services in district court,          | 10.65       |
|       | 31 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 2,000.00    |
| Nov.  | 1  | D. H. Tillson, services in district court,           | 9.06        |
|       | 18 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                            | 5.63        |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 1,500.00    |
|       | 30 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                            | 5.63        |
| Dec.  | 1  | F. W. Brockway, services in district court,          | 5.43        |
|       | 1  | Reuben Bell, services in district court,             | .55         |
|       | 10 | State tax,                                           | 725.00      |
|       | 10 | Repairs of state highways,                           | 63.20       |
|       | 19 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 1,500.00    |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 1,500.00    |
|       | 30 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                            | 5.63        |
| 1905. |    |                                                      |             |
| Jan.  | 5  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,            | 15.29       |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 1,500.00    |
| Feb.  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,            | 8.00        |
|       | 15 | 596 Town Orders, Selectmen,                          | 18,710.10   |
|       |    | Services as Treasurer,                               | 100.00      |
|       |    | Cash on hand,                                        | 1,234.64    |
|       |    |                                                      | <hr/>       |
|       |    |                                                      | \$37,550.43 |

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

## Report of Highway Surveyor.

|                                                       |          |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Appropriation for 1904, was                           | 2,778.90 |                   |
| Balance on hand,                                      | 74.48    |                   |
| Received of J. M. Clough,                             | 8.32     |                   |
| Rec'd from the appropriation of new road<br>for tile, | 9.98     |                   |
|                                                       |          | <hr/> \$ 2,871.68 |
| Paid George Claflin,                                  | 2.25     |                   |
| George Warner,                                        | 3.00     |                   |
| I. E. Damon,                                          | 4.56     |                   |
| E. J. Crafts,                                         | 47.10    |                   |
| M. P. Pratt,                                          | 20.25    |                   |
| J. W. Hurlburt,                                       | 19.00    |                   |
| D. F. Shumway,                                        | 61.60    |                   |
| D. M. Olds,                                           | .75      |                   |
| Patrick Sullivan,                                     | 5.00     |                   |
| E. F. Shumway,                                        | 41.15    |                   |
| Clayton Green,                                        | 19.75    |                   |
| Peter E. Cavanaugh,                                   | 42.55    |                   |
| Albert Slater,                                        | 16.50    |                   |
| Fred Jerox,                                           | 24.45    |                   |
| W. H. Knowlton,                                       | 14.25    |                   |
| Arthur Moore,                                         | 2.10     |                   |
| Andrew Plouf,                                         | 89.45    |                   |
| C. B. Knowlton,                                       | 7.50     |                   |
| Frank Mills,                                          | 9.00     |                   |
| Harry Dodge,                                          | 53.50    |                   |
| H. M. Jepson,                                         | 15.75    |                   |
| Roswell Allen,                                        | 7.06     |                   |

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| Paid C. G. Osgood,          | \$ 4.25 |
| Henry McKellop,             | 103.63  |
| W. E. Eaton,                | 10.50   |
| George Coleman,             | 3.50    |
| George Thomson,             | 1.50    |
| Fred Chamberlain,           | 2.50    |
| T. D. Sullivan,             | 5.00    |
| E. A. Randall,              | 4.50    |
| Lyman Jenks,                | 12.00   |
| M. F. Austin,               | 119.71  |
| H. Paine,                   | 46.37   |
| H. F. West,                 | 2.25    |
| P. Garvey,                  | 6.00    |
| Malvern Bardwell,           | 4.50    |
| John Monjoix,               | 2.50    |
| Pratt Bros.,                | 25.35   |
| John Flaherty,              | 124.80  |
| M. E. Cavanaugh,            | 138.10  |
| J. Cavanaugh,               | 86.45   |
| Shumway & Green, lumber,    | 16.56   |
| G. W. Akers,                | 67.85   |
| E. C. Witt,                 | 262.30  |
| E. B. Sanford,              | 12.75   |
| J. L. Smith,                | 8.00    |
| B. Hubbard,                 | 5.00    |
| T. D. Potter,               | 103.29  |
| J. F. Moriarty,             | 121.10  |
| Daniel Kennedy,             | 127.37  |
| Clarence Hubbard,           | 18.00   |
| J. J. Archambault,          | 14.25   |
| Roderick Weston,            | 4.29    |
| David Bealon,               | 6.35    |
| Herbert Pierce,             | 17.25   |
| Wm. Brackett,               | 19.65   |
| Martin Crow,                | 4.20    |
| P. M. Adyimer,              | 1.00    |
| Sanford & Stebbins, lumber, | 26.68   |
| H. Moody,                   | .70     |



|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid E. E. Meade, dirt,         | \$ 1.68           |
| W. M. Wilson,                   | 2.00              |
| A. M. Baggs,                    | 45.50             |
| Patrick Mahony,                 | 3.50              |
| Guy C. Allen, Jr.,              | 8.55              |
| D. L. Hazen,                    | 1.05              |
| A. W. Stacy, dirt,              | 5.00              |
| H. Cheniel,                     | 3.00              |
| W. D. Dunbar,                   | 4.40              |
| M. G. Ward,                     | 1.00              |
| C. L. Randall,                  | 6.40              |
| J. F. Legrand,                  | 670.62            |
| J. F. Legrand, tools,           | 11.96             |
| J. F. Legrand, lumber,          | 8.00              |
| J. F. Legrand, housing scraper, | 1.00              |
| J. F. Legrand, snow bill,       | 24.85             |
| Alden A. Day,                   | 1.65              |
| Services as Highway Surveyor,   | 25.00             |
|                                 | <hr/> \$ 2,871.68 |

J. F. LEGRAND, *Surveyor.*

# Report of the Selectmen

## ON HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

|                                          |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Appropriation, March 7,                  | \$ 3,250.00       |
| Balance left in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1904, | 74.48             |
|                                          | <hr/> \$ 3,324.48 |

### Paid

|          |                                                                                                                                     |                   |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| March 12 | James A. Peeso, last year's bills,                                                                                                  | \$ 407.87         |
| Apr.     | Henry A. Paine, J. C. Damond,<br>M. F. Austin, M. C. Cavanaugh,<br>A. L. Morse, & D. F. Shumway,<br>bills left over from last year, | 49.23             |
|          | Geo. I. Davis, to sleigh,                                                                                                           | 15.00             |
|          | Orders drawn for Joseph F. Legrand,<br>Surveyor, for repairs on Highways<br>to Feb. 15,                                             | 2,871.68          |
|          |                                                                                                                                     | <hr/> \$ 3,343.78 |
|          | Excess of appropriation,                                                                                                            | 19.30             |
|          | Surveyors acc't shows that he has<br>received for tile,                                                                             | 18.30             |
|          |                                                                                                                                     | <hr/> 1.00        |
|          | Overdrawn,                                                                                                                          |                   |

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |

# Report of Overseers of Poor.

*For the Year Ending February 15, 1905.*

*At Almshouse.*

|                          |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Home farm and buildings, | \$5,000.00 |            |
| Two wood lots,           | 500.00     |            |
| Abbey pasture,           | 500.00     |            |
|                          | <hr/>      | \$6,000.00 |

|                                           |        |          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Household furniture, beds, bedding, etc., | 175.00 |          |
| Provisions of all kinds,                  | 150.00 |          |
| Fire wood,                                | 200.00 |          |
| Ice, 600 cakes,                           | 60.00  |          |
|                                           | <hr/>  | \$585.00 |

## LIVE STOCK.

|                   |        |          |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 pair of horses, | 275.00 |          |
| 12 cows,          | 415.00 |          |
| 3 heifers,        | 75.00  |          |
| 1 bull,           | 35.00  |          |
| 2 yearlings,      | 25.00  |          |
| 3 calves,         | 16.00  |          |
|                   | <hr/>  | \$841.00 |

|               |       |         |
|---------------|-------|---------|
| 2 brood sows, | 45.00 |         |
| 2 shoats,     | 25.00 |         |
| 1 boar,       | 10.00 |         |
|               | <hr/> | \$80.00 |
| Hens,         |       | \$25.00 |

## GRAIN.

|                         |        |          |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| 200 bushels of corn,    | 100.00 |          |
| 13 bushels of rye,      | 10.00  |          |
| 9 bushels of seed corn, | 9.00   |          |
|                         | <hr/>  | \$119.00 |



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|                                           |        |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| 11 1-2 tons, at \$15.00,                  | 172.50 |                  |
| 4 tons, at \$10.00,                       | 40.00  |                  |
| 6 tons, at \$7.00,                        | 42.00  |                  |
| 1 ton rye straw,                          | 15.00  |                  |
| Corn fodder,                              | 8.00   |                  |
|                                           | <hr/>  | \$277.50         |
| Grain and feed, on hand,                  | 52.50  |                  |
| Farm tools, wagons, sleds, harness, etc., | 267.00 |                  |
|                                           | <hr/>  | \$319.50         |
| Total,                                    |        | <hr/> \$8,267.00 |

We have this year appraised the household furniture, beds and bedding, \$ 250 less than last year. The horses, \$ 25 less, and the farming tools, \$ 333 less. The wood \$ 50 less, also the stock somewhat less, making a reduction of \$ 781.80 in the valuation of personal property.

We have made this change because we realized that it has been too high for some years.

We think this change ought not to reflect in the least on Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, who have done excellent work at the Town Farm, and the property under their charge has been kept up remarkably well.

## ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

## Paid

|                                                                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| E. C. Witt, sawing wood,                                                          | \$ 25.00 |
| Geo. H. Belden, labor,                                                            | 30.41    |
| S. S. Davis, two pair rubber gloves and other<br>supplies for care of Mrs. Piper, | 4.60     |
| L. A. Smith, coffin and services for burial of<br>Mrs. Piper,                     | 17.00    |
| A. Hubbard, for opening grave for Mrs. Piper,                                     | 3.50     |
| Dr. King, medicine for Mrs. Piper,                                                | 5.00     |
| Sanford & Stebbins, sawing lumber,                                                | 20.69    |
| C. Trainer, labor,                                                                | 156.90   |
| Benjamin Freeman, Warden and Matron,                                              | 383.32   |
| M. A. Hicks. blacksmithing.                                                       | 20.05    |

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Thomas Mansfield, blacksmithing,                 | \$ 6.50     |
| C. E. Davis, papering and painting,              | 40.76       |
| E. B. Sanford, fertilizer,                       | 13.40       |
| L. W. Dillon, fertilizer,                        | 13.00       |
| E. C. Witt, fertilizer,                          | 30.00       |
| F. W. Fellows, supplies,                         | 5.15        |
| Roswell Allen, grapple hay fork,                 | 5.50        |
| Frank Legrand, cutting rye,                      | 6.50        |
| D. F. Austin, stove repairs and plumbing,        | 15.27       |
| F. L. Stebbins, castings for repairs,            | 8.35        |
| C. H. Snow, druggist supplies,                   | 9.12        |
| E. H. Dyer, grass seed,                          | 9.58        |
| E. H. Dyer, grain and feed,                      | 394.07      |
| E. F. Towne, grain and feed,                     | 78.35       |
| Dr. C. B. King, surgical attendance,             | 10.00       |
| Dr. C. B. King, attendance on sick for the year, | 37.50       |
| W. G. Cole, two cows,                            | 80.00       |
| Medicine for John Blake,                         | 2.00        |
| E. C. Witt, sawdust,                             | 1.50        |
| F. Newell, sawing ice,                           | 3.50        |
|                                                  | <hr/>       |
|                                                  | \$ 1,436.52 |

## EXPENDITURES IN ALMSHOUSE.

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Groceries,                   | \$ 254.93 |
| Meat and fish,                    | 76.90     |
| Household and farm implements,    | 43.75     |
| Tobacco,                          | 10.81     |
| Crackers for tramps,              | 7.14      |
| Fence wire,                       | 2.66      |
| Grass and garden seeds,           | 4.98      |
| Window glass and putty,           | 3.70      |
| Dry goods, boots, clothing, etc., | 39.02     |
| Stock food,                       | 4.90      |
|                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                   | \$ 448.79 |

The above amount was paid J. W. Jackson,  
D. L. Hazen, W. L. Sanford, Arthur Bridgman,  
F. F. Dewey, Wm. Bridgman, H. A. Hopkins.



|                                               |        |                |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Total expenditures,                           |        | \$1,885.31     |
| Cr. For cream,                                | 503.10 |                |
| For board of Mrs. Smith,                      | 41.60  |                |
| Paid treasurer,                               | 342.67 |                |
| Cutting and drawing logs, and work,           | 28.02  |                |
| Due for shingles,                             | 12.00  |                |
|                                               | <hr/>  | \$ 927.39      |
| Total expense at almshouse,                   |        | <hr/> \$957.92 |
| Number of inmates at present,                 |        | 2              |
| Number of inmates registered during the year, |        | 7              |
| Number of deaths,                             |        | 1              |
| Number removed to other institutions,         |        | 3              |
| Number of hearse calls,                       |        | 26             |
| Number of tramps sheltered and fed,           |        | 114            |

## EXPENSES OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Nellie Stone, care of Sallie Pratt,    | \$ 58.73 |
| William Kennedy, partial support of         |          |
| K. C. Haynes,                               | 54.00    |
| D. F. Dillon, medical services for          |          |
| G. A. More,                                 | 10.00    |
| C. H. Snow, supplies for Wolfskill family,  | 11.00    |
| F. F. Dewey, supplies for Wolfskill family, | 1.45     |
| E. Munsell, eggs for Wolfskill family,      | .40      |
| Geo. L. Warner, wood for Wolfskill family,  | 8.00     |
| Dr. C. B. King, medical services for        |          |
| Mrs. Trombly,                               | 35.00    |
| Dr. Geo. F. Thomson, medical services       |          |
| for Mrs. Witherell,                         | 10.00    |
| Mrs. C. Holland, sewing for                 |          |
| Mrs. Witherell,                             | 1.25     |
| H. A. Hopkins, dry goods for                |          |
| Mrs. Witherell,                             | 1.60     |
| Mrs. E. Cooley, nursing Mrs. Witherell,     | 11.00    |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies for James Fuller,     | 1.45     |



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|-------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Paid Town of Palmer, aid rendered         |       |                  |
| Prince Capen,                             | \$    | 23.75            |
| School for Feeble Minded, care of         |       |                  |
| Daniel W. Moore,                          |       | 39.46            |
| Dr. C. B. King, examination of            |       |                  |
| Mrs. Shea,                                |       | 6.20             |
| N. Randall, for Eddie Jero,               |       | 7.88             |
| Thomas O'Brien, partial support,          |       | 18.75            |
| Michael Welch, partial support,           |       | 18.00            |
| Town of Templeton, partial support, of    |       |                  |
| Stephen White and wife,                   |       | 134.68           |
| Standard Grocery, supplies for Amable     |       |                  |
| Chenaille and family,                     |       | 6.83             |
| Total expenditures,                       | <hr/> | \$ 459.43        |
| Cr. Received from Enfield,                |       | 23.85            |
| Received from Petersham,                  |       | 59.38            |
| Received from Mr. Shea,                   |       | 6.20             |
| Due from State for care of Stephen White, | <hr/> | \$ 156.77        |
| Total,                                    |       | <hr/> \$ 302.96  |
| Total expense at almshouse,               |       | <hr/> \$ 957.92  |
| Total expenditures,                       |       | <hr/> \$1,260.58 |
| Appropriation,                            |       | \$1,200.00       |
| Excess of appropriation,                  |       | 60.58            |

|                 |   |                                               |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Overseers</i><br><i>of</i><br><i>Poor.</i> |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                               |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                               |

## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN.

*Income from Feb. 15, 1904, to Feb. 15, 1905, inclusive.*

|                                      |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1904,         | \$ 11.36 |           |
| Potatoes,                            | 33.36    |           |
| Veal calves,                         | 39.10    |           |
| Corn,                                | 16.85    |           |
| Eggs,                                | 5.28     |           |
| Antique molasses jug,                | .75      |           |
| Pigs,                                | 106.00   |           |
| A. C. Hunt & Co., pork,              | 81.57    |           |
| H. Jepson, pork,                     | 31.00    |           |
| Hay,                                 | 29.78    |           |
| Vegetables,                          | 3.12     |           |
| Apples,                              | 2.00     |           |
| Hearse work,                         | 63.00    |           |
| Cattle show premium,                 | .75      |           |
| Chas. Trainer, lumber,               | 22.26    |           |
| F. L. Stebbins, lumber,              | 50.00    |           |
| Warden for road work,                | 13.00    |           |
| Rec'd from county, for John Blake,   | 4.17     |           |
| Skim milk,                           | 22.65    |           |
| Hide and tallow,                     | 4.09     |           |
| Beef, cow and beef,                  | 11.54    |           |
| Stock service,                       | 5.00     |           |
| Warden for plowing,                  | 2.00     |           |
| Rec'd from Town for hearse blankets, | 9.50     |           |
| Wood,                                | 14.50    |           |
| Total,                               |          | \$ 582.63 |

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.**Expenditures from Feb. 15, 1904, to Feb. 15, 1905, inclusive.*

|      |                                 |         |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|
|      | March account,                  | \$ 5.75 |
|      | Paid into treasury during year, | 342.70  |
| Apr. | Chas. Davis, graining woodwork, | -15.00  |
|      | J. W. Squires, baskets,         | 3.00    |



|         |                                                    |          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
|         | Paid Fred Burnett, clipping team,                  | \$ 3.00  |
|         | Mrs. Hamilton, labor,                              | .50      |
|         | Fred Gero, labor,                                  | 8.00     |
|         | Chas. B. Trainor, labor,                           | 3.00     |
|         | E. C. Witt, driving hearse to depot,               | 2.00     |
|         | W. G. Taylor, supplies,                            | 2.13     |
| May     | Seed sweet corn,                                   | 1.25     |
|         | Stock service,                                     | 4.00     |
|         | C. Lamson, sawing shingle logs,                    | 3.75     |
|         | G. Coleman, plastering,                            | 6.00     |
| June    | F. W. Fellows, collars,                            | 1.00     |
|         | Repairs on corn planter,                           | 5.24     |
| July    | Land plaster,                                      | 1.70     |
|         | Lap robe and berries,                              | 2.05     |
|         | Eggs for setting,                                  | 2.50     |
| Aug.    | H. A. Shaw, set of stove fixtures,                 | 4.10     |
| Sept.   | Wm. Clough, labor,                                 | 1.50     |
| Oct.    | Jas. Miller, onions,                               | 1.00     |
|         | Cider barrels and making cider,                    | 8.19     |
|         | E. C. Witt, 3 hens and tedder wheel,               | 2.00     |
| Nov.    | J. Mc.Glenn, labor,                                | 7.00     |
|         | Iron pipe and door springs,                        | 2.17     |
|         | D. S. Nutting, hog,                                | 5.00     |
| Dec.    | Transferring John Blake to hospital,               | 3.26     |
|         | Hearse blankets, bridles, express charges on same, | 12.72    |
| Jan.    | John Bolyer, ice sawing,                           | 3.50     |
|         | Rope,                                              | 1.09     |
|         | A. B. Howard, berries, plants, sulphur,            | 6.47     |
|         | Soap,                                              | 4.10     |
|         | H. Jepson, slaughtering for year,                  | 8.25     |
|         | Tea Co., for year,                                 | 28.57    |
|         | Mrs. Cooley, washing for year,                     | 32.15    |
|         | Fish, groceries and other supplies,                | 13.84    |
|         | Barber services for year,                          | 13.15    |
|         | F. L. Stebbins, for lumber,                        | 12.00    |
| Amount, |                                                    | \$582.63 |

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.*



## ACCOUNT FOR SHINGLING ALMSHOUSE, AND ONE SIDE OF TOWN HOUSE.

|                                                                                                      |          |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                                                                                       |          | \$ 200.00 |
| TOWN HOUSE EXPENSE.                                                                                  |          |           |
| Sanford & Stebbins, for shingles,                                                                    | \$ 76.16 |           |
| O. B. Davis, laying shingles,                                                                        | 25.60    |           |
| A. Bridgman, nails,                                                                                  | 2.78     |           |
|                                                                                                      | <hr/>    | \$ 104.54 |
| ALMSHOUSE EXPENSE.                                                                                   |          |           |
| Pratt Bros., for sawing shingle,                                                                     | 33.50    |           |
| D. F. Austin, tin for gutter,                                                                        | 1.28     |           |
| O. B. Davis, laying shingle,                                                                         | 29.57    |           |
| Arthur Bridgman, for nails,                                                                          | 3.09     |           |
| Town Warden, allowed for cutting logs,<br>drawing to mill, returning shingles<br>and time shingling. | 28.02    |           |
| This amount is credited in Almshouse<br>account.                                                     | <hr/>    | 95.46     |
| Total expense,                                                                                       |          | \$ 200.00 |

## REPORT ON WATER TANK.

|                                                                                    |         |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation for water tank,                                                      | 50.00   |          |
| Received of The Massachusetts Society for the<br>Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, | 20.00   |          |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>   | \$ 70.00 |
| Paid F. L. Stebbins for water to supply tank,                                      | \$45.00 |          |
| Walsh Boiler Works, water tank,                                                    | 15.00   |          |
| D. F. Austin, plumbing, and stock,                                                 | 10.74   |          |
| D. P. Spencer, labor setting tank, & cement,                                       | 8.25    |          |
| Total expense,                                                                     | <hr/>   | \$ 78.99 |
| Excess of appropriation,                                                           |         | \$ 8.99  |

## REPORT ON STREET LIGHTING.

|                                                                |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriations,                                                |          | \$275.00 |
| Paid Stanley Bridgman, 3 months care of<br>lamps and lighting, | \$ 12.00 |          |
| Sidney Atwood, 12 months,                                      | 48.00    |          |
| Frank Morris, 5 months,                                        | 20.00    |          |
| Rufus Pierce, 9 months,                                        | 36.00    |          |
| Harry Hannum, 7 months,                                        | 28.00    |          |
| D. L. Hazen, oil and supplies,                                 | 45.70    |          |
| F. W. Fellows, oil and supplies,                               | 26.82    |          |
| Wm. E. Bridgman, oil and supplies,                             | 11.90    |          |
| A. Bridgman, oil and supplies,                                 | 6.77     |          |
| F. F. Dewey, oil and supplies,                                 | 1.24     |          |
| Standard Grocery, oil and supplies,                            | .24      |          |
|                                                                | <hr/>    | \$236.67 |
| Balance in treasury,                                           |          | 38.33    |
|                                                                |          | <hr/>    |
|                                                                |          | \$275.00 |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT

*Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.*

Jan. 1 1905.

List of bequests, left for care of lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Amount deposited in Amherst Savings Bank.

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| S. W. Longley,       | \$200.00 |
| Lyman Saben,         | 100.00   |
| Mrs. H. S. Bridgman, | 100.00   |
| S. D. Goddard,       | 100.00   |
| Irene Chandler,      | 100.00   |
| Eliza Longley,       | 100.00   |
| Olive M. Adams,      | 50.00    |
| Maria H. Moody,      | 100.00   |
| A. J. Heath,         | 100.00   |
| S. M. D. Bridgman,   | 200.00   |



|                                   |          |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance left over from last year, | \$ 89.78 |            |
| Appropriation at annual meeting,  | 100.00   |            |
| Interest on fund,                 | 48.78    |            |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$ 238. 56 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                           |       |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Paid A. H. Hubbard, care of town lots and |       |           |
| mowing walks in Mt. Hope cemetery,        | 39.00 |           |
| D. P. Spencer, mowing South cemetery,     | 8.00  |           |
| B. B. Newell, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,  | 5.00  |           |
| Pratt Bros., mowing Union and West        |       |           |
| Hill cemetery,                            | 5.00  |           |
| A. H. Hubbard, mowing Bluemeadow          |       |           |
| cemetery,                                 | 1.00  |           |
| E. S. Lane, mowing Holyoke cemetery,      | 2.25  |           |
| E. S. Lane, mowing Liberty cemetery,      | 2.25  |           |
| E. S. Lane, mowing Tylerville cemetery,   | 3.00  |           |
| E. S. Lane, grading and building fence,   | 23.10 |           |
| A. H. Hubbard, building fence at          |       |           |
| Tylerville cemetery,                      | 4.50  |           |
|                                           | <hr/> | \$ 93.10  |
| Balance in treasury,                      |       | \$ 145.46 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                 |   |                                               |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Burial Ground</i><br><i>Commissioners.</i> |
| A. H. HUBBARD,  |   |                                               |



## Town Account.

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|                                                       |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid M. E. Williams, services as election officer,    | \$ 1.50 |
| Michael Bowler, services as election officer,         | 3.00    |
| F. S. Burnett, services as janitor of town hall,      | 12.00   |
| M. S. Barton, services as selectman,                  | 12.00   |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable,                  | 11.10   |
| A. C. Smith, services as selectman,                   | 12.50   |
| E. A. Randall, services as selectman,                 | 12.00   |
| L. A. Smith, casket for Mrs. W. Belden,               | 35.00   |
| G. B. Jackson, ringing bell and care of clock,        | 48.00   |
| Frank E. Austin, services as election officer,        | 3.00    |
| D. K. Shumway, services as election officer,          | 1.50    |
| W. B. Shaw, services as election officer,             | 3.00    |
| Palmer Journal, printing town reports<br>and ballots, | 55.10   |
| T. M. Walker, glass for town house,                   | 1.72    |
| M. S. Barton, express and postage,                    | .83     |
| Ladies Guild, town hall stage,                        | 10.00   |
| Geo. H. B. Green, services as moderator,              | 5.00    |
| Seheging & Glatz, disinfecter,                        | 5.80    |
| D. F. Shumway, services as constable,                 | 1.50    |
| Nelson Randall, travelling expenses,                  | 8.34    |
| A. Bridgman, burial of R. K. Shumway,                 | 35.00   |
| R. K. Shumway, services as registrar,                 | 5.00    |
| Selvhy Wycoff, repairs on fire engine,                | 3.90    |
| M. L. Sanford, services as election officer,          | 1.50    |
| D. D. Hazen, services as election officer,            | 1.50    |
| F. B. Purdy, services as election officer,            | 1.50    |
| E. C. Howard, printing ballots,                       | .75     |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid A. H. Bartlett, blanks for dog licenses,                                           | \$ 2.00 |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement of tax of<br>Stephen Sullivan,                                 | 56.08   |
| E. A. Randall, travelling expenses,                                                     | 3.62    |
| Smith & Hubbell, hose wagon,                                                            | 65.00   |
| E. E. Gay, express on wagon,                                                            | 1.00    |
| L. W. Dillon, expense to Boston, 1903 & 1904,                                           | 8.24    |
| A. Bridgman, keys for town house,                                                       | .75     |
| A. Lamson & son, balance on road,                                                       | 100.00  |
| N. Randall, travelling expenses and postage,                                            | 10.00   |
| New England Telephone Co., rent,                                                        | 11.21   |
| Samuel Allen, surveying new road,                                                       | 1.00    |
| John T. Stoddard, determining per cent of alcohol<br>and attendance at court,           | 250.0   |
| N. Randall, building fence on new road,                                                 | 40.02   |
| D. P. Spencer, cleaning school-house well,                                              | 4.25    |
| J. S. Walkley, pair of hearse harnesses,                                                | 51.50   |
| J. R. Gould, inspection of cattle and barns,                                            | 50.00   |
| Guy C. Allen Jr, services as assessor,                                                  | 95.50   |
| A. L. Pratt, services as assessor,                                                      | 90.00   |
| F. B. Alden, services as assessor,                                                      | 90.00   |
| D. P. Spencer, cleaning well at south end of park,<br>and making new platform for same, | 29.91   |
| Thomas Allen, reimbursement of poll tax,                                                | 2.00    |
| N. Randall, services as selectman & overseer of poor,                                   | 148.77  |
| E. A. Randall, services as selectman & overseer of poor,                                | 99.36   |
| E. C. Witt, services as selectman & overseer of poor,                                   | 106.50  |
| Hammond & Hammond, legal advise,                                                        | 32.00   |
| Alden Day, fighting forest fires,                                                       | 5.05    |
| D. K. Shumway, services as registrar,                                                   | 7.00    |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement of Nelson Blackmer's '03 tax,                                  | 8.85    |
| E. C. Witt, wood for Town Hall,                                                         | 3.00    |
| M. Whittemore, sanitary work Town Hall,                                                 | .50     |
| D. F. Shumway, services as constable,                                                   | 5.00    |
| Guy C. Allen Jr. services as constable, copying and posting<br>warrants,                | 5.00    |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting and stamping meat,                                              | 40.00   |
| H. M. Aldrich, services, as election officer,                                           | 1.50    |



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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Wm. A. Snow, services as election officer,                                 | \$ 1.50 |
| E. A. Pease, counter at election,                                               | 2.00    |
| N. Randall, travelling expenses, postage, telephone,                            | 12.00   |
| E. E. Gay, glass for town house,                                                | .85     |
| M. A. Hicks, repairs on chemical engine,                                        | 7.25    |
| M. G. Ward, services as counter at election,                                    | 3.50    |
| R. S. Kenfield, services as election officer,                                   | 1.50    |
| Fred Burnett, services as janitor,                                              | 7.00    |
| A. Bridgman, trading stamp blanks,                                              | 1.75    |
| H. F. Shaw, services as teller and repairs on pump,                             | 3.00    |
| J. Flint, Tillson, and Brockway, for sheriff services,                          | 30.00   |
| Hammond & Hammond, legal services in several cases,                             | 49.23   |
| New England Telephone Co., rent of telephone,                                   | 4.65    |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable etc.                                        | 5.75    |
| Dr. King, examination of Mr. Renolds,                                           | 2.00    |
| F. W. Fellows, oil for fire department,                                         | 1.80    |
| F. B. Alden, assessors' supplies,                                               | 3.90    |
| A. Bridgman, to pay ten doctors for returning births,                           | 9.50    |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement on 1903 taxes,                                         | 16.33   |
| D. F. Shumway, for collecting balance of 1903 tax,                              | 50.00   |
| J. R. Gould, balance for inspecting barns,<br>stables, and quarantining cattle, | 98.90   |
| G. C. Allen, services as counter at election,                                   | 2.00    |
| D. P. Clapp, treasurer Memorial Library,                                        | 390.57  |
| Wm. Orlando, furnishing & laying sewer pipe near depot,                         | 20.52   |
| For hardening approaches to bridge near depot,                                  | 50.00   |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement on 1903 taxes,                                         | 2.69    |
| A. Bridgman, supplies for town hall,                                            | 2.26    |
| A. Bridgman, services as town clerk,                                            | 92.30   |
| A. Bridgman, express and postage,                                               | 7.12    |
| A. Bridgman, R. R. fare, express and postage,                                   | 18.08   |
| Samuel Allen, surveying road locations,                                         | 3.00    |
| Benj. Freeman, driving hearse,                                                  | 56.00   |
| Benj. Freeman, wood for town hall,                                              | 2.50    |
| Sears, Roebuck & Co., blankets for hearse,                                      | 9.50    |
| M. E. Williams, services as election officer,                                   | 3.00    |
| Mason Sanford, services as election officer,                                    | 1.50    |
| A. B. Shaw, services as registrar,                                              | 11.00   |



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|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid F. L. Stebbins, services as registrar,       | \$ 11.00    |
| L. A. Smith, returning deaths,                    | 4.75        |
| D. K. Shumway, services as registrar,             | 2.00        |
| E. C. Howard, one thousand bill heads,            | 3.50        |
| Nelson Randall, R. R. fare and postage,           | 7.34        |
| E. C. Witt, R. R. fare and postage,               | 19.75       |
| Mrs. A. L. Blackmer, town order book,             | 7.00        |
| F. E. Burnett, services as janitor of town hall,  | 13.00       |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement on 1904 tax,             | 25.75       |
| D. F. Shumway, discount on 1904 taxes,            | 261.72      |
| D. F. Shumway, part payment for collecting taxes, | 50.00       |
|                                                   | <hr/>       |
|                                                   | \$ 2,881.91 |

There are in this account abatement of taxes

|                                      |        |             |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| amounting to,                        | 109.70 |             |
| Discount on taxes to the amount of   | 261.72 |             |
| Dog fund to Memorial Library,        | 390.57 |             |
| Money refunded by the state,         | 194.45 |             |
| Special appropriations,              | 215.02 |             |
|                                      | <hr/>  | 1,171.46    |
|                                      |        | <hr/>       |
|                                      |        | \$ 1,710.45 |
| Appropriation for town expense,      |        | 1,600.00    |
|                                      |        | <hr/>       |
| Expended in excess of appropriation, |        | \$ 110.45   |

#### RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                           |            |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Due from State, for State aid,            | \$1,590.00 |            |
| from State, for military aid,             | 88.00      |            |
| from State, for support of Stephen White, | 67.34      |            |
| from North Adams,                         | 6.36       |            |
| from State, for cattle inspection,        | 74.45      |            |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer,            | 1,234.64   |            |
| Balance in hands of Collector,            | 1,316.07   |            |
| Due from State, for burial of soldier,    | 35.00      |            |
| Total,                                    | <hr/>      | \$4,411.86 |

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

|                   |             |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Town expense,     | \$ 1,700.00 |             |
| Pauper expense,   | 1,200.00    |             |
| Lighting streets, | 200.00      |             |
| Burial grounds,   | 50.00       |             |
|                   | <hr/>       | \$ 3,150.00 |

Paid bills approved by the school committee,  
on school accounts amounting to, \$ 7,927.03

(For particulars see report of school committee.)

We have issued during the year 596 town  
orders amounting to, \$ 18,710.10

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 18th, 1905.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Belchertown, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit in the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass., the sum of \$ 1,234.64.

C. B. KING, *Auditor.*



# Report on Funds.

## MRS. SUSAN BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                      |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1904,  | \$ 240.75 |           |
| Received Apr. 1, 1904, dividend,     | 140.00    |           |
| Received Oct. 1, 1904, dividend,     | 105.00    |           |
|                                      |           | \$ 485.75 |
| Apr. 1, paid Clapp Memorial Library, | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Family number 1, aided,              | 5.00      |           |
| " " 2, "                             | 10.00     |           |
| " " 3, "                             | 15.00     |           |
| " " 4, "                             | 15.00     |           |
| " " 5, "                             | 10.00     |           |
| " " 6, "                             | 15.00     |           |
| " " 7, "                             | 10.00     |           |
| " " 8, "                             | 20.00     |           |
| " " 9, "                             | 10.00     |           |
| " " 10, "                            | 20.00     |           |
| " " 11, "                            | 10.00     |           |
| " " 12, "                            | 25.00     |           |
| " " 13, "                            | 10.00     |           |
| " " 14, "                            | 10.00     |           |
| " " 15, "                            | 10.00     |           |
| " " 16, "                            | 10.00     |           |
|                                      | \$ 255.00 |           |
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1905,    | 230.75    | \$ 485.75 |

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL,   | } <i>Almoners.</i> |
| E. A. RANDALL,    |                    |
| E. C. WITT,       |                    |
| MRS. M. A. MORSE, |                    |
| MRS. G. C. ALLEN, |                    |

## WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                     |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1904, | \$355.05 |           |
| Received Sept. 8, 1904, income,     | 230.00   |           |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$585.05  |
| Family number 1, aided,             | \$10.00  |           |
| " " 2, "                            | 10.00    |           |
| " " 3, "                            | 5.00     |           |
| " " 4, "                            | 10.00    |           |
| " " 5, "                            | 10.00    |           |
| " " 6, "                            | 5.00     |           |
| " " 7, "                            | 14.50    |           |
| " " 8, "                            | 10.00    |           |
| " " 9, "                            | 20.00    |           |
| " " 10, "                           | 5.00     |           |
| " " 11, "                           | 5.00     |           |
| " " 12, "                           | 10.00    |           |
| " " 13, "                           | 20.00    |           |
| " " 14, "                           | 25.50    |           |
| " " 15, "                           | 10.00    |           |
| " " 16, "                           | 5.00     |           |
| " " 17, "                           | 10.00    |           |
| " " 18, "                           | 10.75    |           |
| " " 19, "                           | 20.00    |           |
|                                     | <hr/>    |           |
|                                     | 215.75   |           |
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1905,   | 369.30   |           |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$ 585.05 |

|                   |   |                  |
|-------------------|---|------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL,   | } | <i>Almoners.</i> |
| E. A. RANDALL,    |   |                  |
| E. C. WITT,       |   |                  |
| MRS. M. A. MORSE, |   |                  |
| MRS. G. C. ALLEN, |   |                  |



# Report of the Town Clerk.

*For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1904.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |   |               |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 3 | April,        | 4 | July,      | 4 | October,  | 2 |
| February,   | 3 | May,          | 2 | August,    | 1 | November, | 6 |
| March,      | 6 | June,         | 7 | September, | 3 | December, | 0 |
| Males, 24 ; |   | Females, 17 ; |   | Total, 41. |   |           |   |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Number of intentions recorded,       | 15 |
| Number of marriages recorded,        | 16 |
| First Marriage, Males, 12 ; Females, | 12 |
| Second Marriage, Males, 4 ; Females, | 4  |
| Youngest male married,               | 18 |
| Youngest female married,             | 18 |
| Oldest male married,                 | 65 |
| Oldest female married,               | 54 |

### DEATHS.

|             |   |               |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 2 | April,        | 6 | July,      | 3 | October,  | 4 |
| February,   | 6 | May,          | 2 | August,    | 1 | November, | 1 |
| March,      | 6 | June,         | 4 | September, | 2 | December, | 1 |
| Males, 14 ; |   | Females, 24 ; |   | Total, 38. |   |           |   |

Native born, 27 ; Foreign born, 9 ; Unknown, 2.

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Number of town meetings,            | 3 |
| Mortgages recorded during the year, | 7 |
| Attachments,                        | 1 |
| Married women's cetificates,        | 1 |

## DOG LICENSE.

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Males, 208, at \$2.00, | \$416.00 |          |
| Females, 15, at 5.00,  | 75.00    |          |
|                        | <hr/>    | \$491.00 |

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

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RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| G. F. Thomson, M. D.,  | 13 |
| C. B. King, M. D.,     | 2  |
| D. B. Sullivan, M. D., | 6  |
| H. A. Smith, M. D.,    | 8  |
| A. F. Warren, M. D.,   | 3  |
| R. E. Dickson, M. D.,  | 2  |
| N. C. Haskell, M. D.,  | 1  |
| W. B. Segur, M. D.,    | 2  |
| F. F. Dexter, M. D.,   | 2  |
| S. O. Miller, M. D.,   | 1  |
| H. C. Cheney, M. D.,   | 1  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*



## List of Jurors.

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Alfred H. Hubbard,  
F. B. Alden,  
Wm. H. Capen,  
Roswell Allen,  
Herman K. Lane,  
Chas. L. Jenks,  
Irving L. Mills,  
E. A. Randall,  
Eugene Randall,  
A. B. Howard,  
Dwight F. Shumway,  
D. R. Ward,  
H. Chas. Davis,  
E. R. Blackmer,  
J. J. Sullivan,

Arthur Bridgman,  
Arthur S. Jenks,  
W. L. Sanford,  
A. C. Smith,  
Fred M. Fuller,  
Frank E. Austin,  
Henry R. Gould,  
Michael F. Austin 1st.,  
D. D. Hazen,  
Homer S. Pratt,  
E. C. Witt,  
Chas. E. Davis,  
Nelson Randall,  
Geo. H. B. Greene,  
James Moriarty.

# Annual School Report.

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## School Committee

Organization March, 1904--March, 1905.

GEO. H. B. GREEN, Chairman, . . . Term expires March, 1905

MRS. MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, Sec'y, . . . Term expires March, 1906

DR. S. W. PERRY, . . . . . Term expires March, 1907

## Superintendent of Schools,

JOHN SANBORN.

## Truent Officers,

D. F. SHUMWAY,

THOMAS LANDERS.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of the Town of Belchertown ;*

I have the honor of submitting to you my first report of the Public Schools of Belchertown.

In making a report of the condition of the schools in Belchertown it would be well to state that as our superintendency over them has extended only for the period of two terms, perhaps too many suggestions would be out of place.

We all wish to have good schools, and to secure this result several features have to be considered. In the first place good teachers are necessary, for without a good teaching corps all else is vain. In this respect we are fairly fortunate, many of our teachers are teachers of experience and are working for the best interest of their schools ; others are without experience or any especial preparation for the work and, consequently, their work is not so satisfactory. We realize that teachers must get their experience somewhere, but we would much prefer them to get it elsewhere and give us the benefit later. Our short school year and generally low salaries do not tempt teachers to come to our town, and outside parties are constantly on the watch to get away our best teachers.

Again, the teacher cannot do all, she must have the co-operation of the parents, for when the pupils see that their parents and friends are interested in what they are doing, they try all the harder to excel. If parents would see that their children are regular and on time in their school attendance much might be accomplished. The law is definite in regard to keeping children out of school :

“ Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session.

Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars."

It is hoped that there will be no occasion to enforce the foregoing law. We wish that the parents and friends would visit the schools often and familiarize themselves with what the children are doing and note their progress.

In regard to books and other supplies the committee has been liberal. We have tried to make as few changes in text-books as possible. We do not think it conducive to the well being of a child to have him use books that are filthy or in a dilapidated condition; but we do think, and try to instill it into our teachers that the children should be taught to be economical in the use of supplies and careful of the books furnished by the town.

It seems to us that some way should be devised whereby some of our schools might be consolidated and the scholars transported to other schools, although in some cases it may be cheaper to keep a school than to transport the pupils, yet, with these very small schools, the best work cannot be accomplished even with the best of instruction. I sincerely wish that this thought may be given serious consideration.

In the Center school, below the high, there should be another teacher to do the work that is expected to be done; also there should be another assistant in the high school. At present there is no accommodation for them. At this school there is an imperative need of a new out building. The old building is sadly in need of repairs and entirely inadequate for the place.

In September we were fortunate in securing Miss Lucy D. Thomson to take charge of the drawing in the Center schools, and it was pleasing to note the advancement made in that line of work. At Christmas, much to our disappointment, Miss Thomson was called away, and since then our teachers have carried on the work as laid out by her, and with fair success.



In conclusion I wish to express my obligations to the school committee, teachers, truant officer, janitor and all who have worked so willingly for the educational advancement of the youth of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SANBORN, *Supt. of Schools.*

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB., 1905.

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### REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 15, 1905.

*To the School Committee :*

I have received during the year from the School Committee and teachers, twelve summonses to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*



**Prize Speaking**  
**Congregational Church**  
**Belchertown, Mass**

**Wednesday Evening**  
**June 15, 1904**

MARCH.

MISS. CARRIE HOLLAND.

"THE VENGEANCE OF THE FLAG."

ROLAND M. SHAW.

"THE LASS O' LOWRIE'S."

MISS CONSTANCE DYER.

"JOHN MAYNARD, THE PILOT."

RAYMOND GOULD.

"HOW THE GOSPEL CAME TO JIM OAKS."

MISS MILDRED E. MORSE.

SOLO. "THE SHOOGY SHOO."

Mahew

MR. A. J. DERBYSHIRE.

"A CRY IN THE DARKNESS."

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

"A WHITE LILY."

MISS FANNIE E. THAYER.

"FOES UNITED IN DEATH."

W. HARRY AUSTIN.

SOLO. "THE MOON OF ROSES."

Clayton Johnson

MR. DERBYSHIRE.

"COMMENCEMENT."

MISS MARCELLA A. CARMODY.

"AT THE STAGE DOOR."

F. RAYMOND AUSTIN.

"THE SINGER'S CLIMAX."

MISS IRENE JACKSON.

SOLO. "LIFE'S LULLABY."

Buck

MR. DERBYSHIRE.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

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# Belchertown High School

## Class of 1904

### Graduation Exercises

held in the

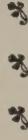
Congregational Church

Friday Evening June 17

At 8 o'clock.

MOTTO :

"Perseverence Wins Success."



#### GRADUATES.

MAY FOREST CARMODY.

MAYDELL DAVIS.

EMMA RACHEL DILLON.

BERTHA MARION PEESO.

CLARA BELLE PIERCE.

LUCY AMELIA RANDOLPH.

MARY ELEANOR RILEY.

EVA LILLIAN WARD.

LEON HENRY ALDRICH.

DONALD WINCHESTER BRIDGMAN.

HENRY FRANK DAMON.

WALTER GEORGE DAMON.

HARRY PORTER JACKSON.



#### CLASS HONORS.

1st, LUCY A. RANDOLPH      2d, BERTHA M. PEESO  
3d, EMMA R. DILLON.



#### CLASS COLORS.

DARK BLUE AND WHITE.



# ... Program

## MARCH.

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| PRAYER                 | REV. J. B. ADKINS. |
| ESSAY, with Salutatory | "Ideals"           |
|                        | MISS PEESO.        |
| DECLAMATION            | "Influence"        |
|                        | MR. W. DAMON.      |
| ESSAY                  | "Gradatim"         |
|                        | MISS PIERCE.       |
| ESSAY                  | "Self Control"     |
|                        | MR. ALDRICH.       |
| CLASS HISTORY          | MUSIC.             |
|                        | MISS DAVIS.        |
| RECITATION             | "Lasca"            |
|                        | MISS WARD.         |

|                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ESSAY                     | "Habit, a Cable not Easily Broken" |
|                           | MR. H. DAMON.                      |
| RECITATION                | "Maid of Orleans"                  |
|                           | MISS RILEY.                        |
| ESSAY                     | "Tendencies of the Age"            |
|                           | MISS CARMODY.                      |
|                           | MUSIC.                             |
| ORATION                   | "Learning by Experience"           |
|                           | MR. JACKSON.                       |
| CLASS PROPHECY            |                                    |
|                           | MISS DILLON.                       |
| DECLAMATION               | "The March of Miles Standish"      |
|                           | MR. BRIDGMAN.                      |
| ESSAY, with valedictory   | "Our Opportunities"                |
|                           | MISS RANDOLPH.                     |
| Presentation of Diplomas, | MR. GEORGE H. B. GREEN.            |
|                           | MARCH.                             |

At the examination of candidates for admission to the High School, June 24, thirty five pupils presented themselves; of these twenty-five were admitted.

Florence Alden,  
Kittie Adkins,  
Cora Corey,  
Ruth Davis,  
Florence Gould,  
Phyllis Hopkins,  
Blanche Hurlburt,  
Ethel Hurlburt,  
Glenn Little,  
Maude Mansfield,  
Maggie Mc Killop,  
Minnie Mc Killop,  
Julia O'Conner,  
Winnifred Powers,  
Julia Sanford,

Robert Bardwell,  
Lewis Dyer,  
Henry Legrand,  
Thomas Legrand,  
Richard Mitchell,  
Raymond Osgood,  
Charles Sanford,  
Philip Sanford,  
John Sullivan,  
Dudley Walker.

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#### SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1904,       | \$ 2,712.44        |
| Appropriation March 1904,                | 5,856.00           |
| Received from State School Fund,         | 1,052.92           |
| Received for tuition of State wards,     | 473.50             |
| Received from Bridgman High School Fund, | 242.40             |
| Received for supplies sold,              | 2.30               |
|                                          | <hr/> \$ 10,339.56 |

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#### SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Teachers' wages from treasury,      | \$ 5,463.75 |
| Teachers' wages from Bridgman Fund, | 242.40      |
| For books and supplies,             | 636.52      |
| For fuel,                           | 353.25      |
| For miscellaneous items,            | 109.98      |



|                                     |             |              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| For salaries of School Committee,   | 198.25      |              |
| For salary of Superintendent,       | 580.00      |              |
| For salary of Truant officers,      | 21.50       |              |
| For salary of janitors,             | 100.53      |              |
| Mrs. Longley, taking School census, | 6.00        |              |
|                                     | <hr/>       |              |
|                                     | \$ 7,712.18 |              |
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1905,   | 2,627.38    |              |
|                                     | <hr/>       | \$ 10,339.56 |

### REPAIRS.

( Town Account. )

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation March 7, 1904,          | \$400.00 |          |
| Rec'd for damiage to school property, | 6.15     |          |
| Overdrawn appropriation,              | 51.10    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$457.25 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                    |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| For repairing Liberty schoolhouse, | \$ 91.50 |          |
| repairing East Hill schoolhouse,   | 57.40    |          |
| pump, Cold Spring,                 | 12.25    |          |
| stove, Center Primary,             | 13.00    |          |
| stove, Federal,                    | 17.60    |          |
| general repairs,                   | 265.50   |          |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$457.25 |

### TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1904, | \$85.00 |
| Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1905,  | 85.00   |

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

#### DETAILED STATEMENTS.

#### TEACHERS' WAGES.

|              |                | Weeks. |              |           |
|--------------|----------------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| High School, | John Sanborn,  | 12     | \$ 27.77 7-9 | \$ 333.33 |
| "    "       | C. L. Judkins, | 24     | "            | 666.67    |
| "    "       | Ida St.George, | 12     | 15.00        | 180.00    |

|                                      |                           | Weeks, |         |             |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| High School,                         | Gertrude Fisher,          | 24     | \$10.00 | \$240.00    |
| Center Grammar,                      | Ida L. Shaw,              | 32     | 10.00   | 320.00      |
| " Int.                               | Mrs. Gertrude Thomson,    | 11     | 10.00   | 110.00      |
| " "                                  | Marion Bartlett,          | 21     | 10.00   | 210.00      |
| " Primary,                           | Marion Whitelaw,          | 11     | 10.00   | 110.00      |
| " "                                  | Mrs. Sara Ross,           | 11     | 9.00    | 99.00       |
| " "                                  | " " "                     | 10     | 10.00   | 100.00      |
| Cold Spring,                         | Agnes Cumming,            | 11     | 6.50    | 71.50       |
| " "                                  | Mary G. Ryan,             | 21     | 7.00    | 147.00      |
| Franklin Gram.                       | Lulu A. Austin,           | 32     | 7.00    | 224.00      |
| " Prim.                              | S. Belle Snow,            | 11     | 7.00    | 77.00       |
| " "                                  | " " "                     | 21     | 8.00    | 168.00      |
| Liberty,                             | Nellie Sullivan,          | 32     | 8.00    | 256.00      |
| Washington,                          | Nellie G. Shea,           | 11     | 6.00    | 66.00       |
| " "                                  | " " "                     | 21     | 6.50    | 136.50      |
| Rock Rimmon,                         | Marion Bartlett,          | 2      | 6.00    | 12.00       |
| " "                                  | Ruby F. Knight,           | 25     | 6.00    | 150.00      |
| " "                                  | " " "                     | 5      | 6.25    | 31.25       |
| Chestnut Hill,                       | Gertrude Raftery,         | 11     | 7.00    | 77.00       |
| " "                                  | Edith L. Towne,           | 21     | 9.00    | 189.00      |
| Holyoke,                             | " " "                     | 11     | 7.00    | 77.00       |
| " "                                  | Julia B. Smith,           | 21     | 7.00    | 147.00      |
| Federal,                             | Mary E. Looney,           | 32     | 7.00    | 224.00      |
| Lake Vale,                           | Bridget Fitzgerald,       | 11     | 5.50    | 60.50       |
| " "                                  | " "                       | 21     | 6.00    | 126.00      |
| Union,                               | Amy L. Randall,           | 11     | 7.00    | 77.00       |
| " "                                  | Annie Dunmock,            | 10 2-5 | 6.00    | 62.40       |
| " "                                  | Rose McEvilly,            | 10 2-5 | 7.50    | 78.00       |
| West Hill,                           | Julia V. Sartwell,        | 11     | 6.00    | 66.00       |
| " "                                  | Lucy Randolph,            | 21     | 5.00    | 105.00      |
| East Hill,                           | Jennie M. Horr,           | 22     | 6.50    | 143.00      |
| " "                                  | Arthur E. Pease,          | 10     | 8.00    | 80.00       |
| Laurel,                              | Mrs. Guy C. Allen Jr.,    | 32     | 6.50    | 208.00      |
| Blue Meadow,                         | A. E. Pease,              | 11     | 8.00    | 88.00       |
| " "                                  | Mrs. Libbie Gutberlett,   | 21     | 8.00    | 168.00      |
|                                      | Lucy D. Thomson, drawing, |        |         | 22.00       |
|                                      |                           |        |         | <hr/>       |
| Paid from Bridgman High School Fund, |                           |        |         | \$ 5,706.15 |
| Cost from Town Treasury,             |                           |        |         | 242.40      |
|                                      |                           |        |         | <hr/>       |
|                                      |                           |        |         | \$ 5,463.75 |



## JANITORS.

|                            |         |          |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Adkins and Pierce, Center, | \$25.00 |          |
| D. F. Shumway, Center,     | 35.00   |          |
| Paid in other schools,     | 40.53   |          |
|                            | <hr/>   | \$100.53 |

## COST OF FUEL.

|                                        |       |           |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| E. R. Peeso, Center Schools,           | 63.75 |           |
| D. E. Shumway, Center Schools,         | 12.75 |           |
| J. F. Legrand, Center Schools,         | 9.25  |           |
| Sanford & Stebbins, Center Schools,    | 2.50  |           |
| Roswell Allen, sawing, Center Schools, | 15.85 |           |
| W. E. Bridgman, meas., Center schools, | .25   |           |
|                                        | <hr/> | \$ 104.35 |
| M. A. Morse,                           | 25.00 |           |
| G. H. B. Green,                        | 12.50 |           |
| D. R. Ward,                            | 28.00 |           |
| Shumway and Green,                     | 12.50 |           |
| George S. Warner,                      | 40.90 |           |
| Thomas Sullivan,                       | 18.00 |           |
| C. L. Randall,                         | 24.00 |           |
| C. L. Jenks,                           | 15.00 |           |
| Peter Hanifin,                         | 21.50 |           |
| James Moriarty,                        | 49.00 |           |
| Kindlings,                             | 2.50  |           |
|                                        | <hr/> | \$ 353.25 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| American Book Co.,   | \$ 113.11 |
| Allyn & Bacon,       | 10.42     |
| A. H. Bartlett,      | 47.96     |
| Mrs. A. L. Blackmer, | 7.50      |
| E. E. Babb & Co.,    | 106.91    |
| Ginn & Co.,          | 81.72     |
| D. L. Hazen,         | 10.16     |

|                          |         |           |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| J. L. Hammett Co.,       | \$49.40 |           |
| A. W. Hall,              | 8.05    |           |
| D. C. Heath & Co.,       | 28.71   |           |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co., | 7.18    |           |
| J. B. Lippincott,        | 36.50   |           |
| Lothrop, Lee & Shepherd, | 1.12    |           |
| Mineral Ink Co.,         | 1.75    |           |
| Rand, & McNally,         | 16.32   |           |
| B. H. Sanborn,           | 38.80   |           |
| Silver, Burdett & Co.,   | 26.64   |           |
| Thomson, Brown & Co.,    | 25.00   |           |
| Sundry small bills,      | 19.27   |           |
|                          |         | \$ 636.52 |

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#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                     |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Prize speaking—music,               | \$5.00 |           |
| Expenses of judges,                 | 7.00   |           |
| C. B. Fiske,—programmes,            | 6.00   |           |
| Rental of church,                   | 3.75   |           |
|                                     |        | \$21.75   |
| Graduation—music,                   | \$1.25 |           |
| C. B. Fiske, programmes,            | 6.00   |           |
| Caxton Co., diplomas,               | 10.60  |           |
| Ribbon for diplomas,                | 2.20   |           |
| Rental of church,                   | 3.75   |           |
| Rental of church, 1903,             | 5.00   |           |
|                                     |        | \$ 28.80  |
| Freight, express and cartage,       |        | \$ 30.44  |
| Printing, postage, telephone, etc., |        | 20.99     |
| School census,                      |        | 6.00      |
| Sanitary work,                      |        | 8.00      |
|                                     |        | \$ 115.98 |

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#### COST OF SUPERVISION.

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Geo. H. B. Green, salary,         | 86.25 |
| Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, salary, | 55.00 |



|                                                     |          |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Dr. S. W. Perry, salary,                            | \$ 57.00 |             |
| John Sanborn, superintendent,                       | 580.00   |             |
| D. F. Shumway, truant officer,                      | 20.00    |             |
| Thomas Landers, truant officer,                     | 1.50     |             |
|                                                     | <hr/>    | \$ 799.75   |
|                                                     |          | <hr/>       |
|                                                     |          | \$ 7,469.78 |
| Total amount of bills approved by school committee, |          | \$ 7,927.03 |

### SCHOOL STATISTICS.

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils enrolled,      | 478 |
| “ “ “ between 5 and 15,         | 445 |
| “ “ “ between 7 and 14,         | 300 |
| “ “ “ under 5,                  | 8   |
| “ “ “ over 15,                  | 51  |
| Perfect in attendance one year, | 6   |
| “ “ “ two terms,                | 21  |
| “ “ “ one term,                 | 76  |

The committee have realized for some time the necessity of enlarged school accommodations in the village. Though we do not think it best to recommend an appropriation for that purpose this year, we believe that in the near future the town should provide the needed room.

The most practical way for doing this, seems to be by an addition at the north west corner of the present High school building. Such an addition should be two stories in height, the lower for a graded school and the upper to provide for the needs of the High school.

### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools in 1905.

|                                                 |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| To include teachers' wages, cost of fuel, books |             |
| and supplies, salary of school committee,       |             |
| superintendent, truant officers and janitors,   |             |
| miscellaneous expenses,                         | \$ 6,000.00 |

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| For general repairs,                 | \$ 400.00         |
| For out building for Center schools, | 350.00            |
|                                      | <hr/> \$ 6,750.00 |

|                      |                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| GEO. H. B. GREEN,    | } School Committee<br>of<br>Belchertown. |
| MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, |                                          |
| S. W. PERRY,         |                                          |

## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole number. | No. enrolled. | No. under 5 | No. over 15 | No. between 5 and 15 | No. between 7 and 14 | Spring.    |             | Fall.       |             | Winter.     |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |               |               |             |             |                      |                      | Membership | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. |
| High. . . . .                | 93            | 68            | 0           | 45          | 19                   | 4                    | 66         | 60          | 74          | 71          | 71          | 66          |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 45            | 24            | 0           | 0           | 24                   | 17                   | 24         | 22          | 21          | 20          | 23          | 21          |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 43            | 39            | 0           | 2           | 37                   | 37                   | 36         | 24          | 26          | 25          | 26          | 24          |
| Center Primary . . . . .     | 34            | 31            | 0           | 0           | 31                   | 16                   | 23         | 22          | 29          | 27          | 30          | 26          |
| Cold Spring. . . . .         | 20            | 20            | 0           | 0           | 20                   | 14                   | 19         | 16          | 17          | 16          | 18          | 14          |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 21            | 15            | 0           | 0           | 15                   | 14                   | 16         | 15          | 15          | 14          | 16          | 15          |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 45            | 39            | 2           | 0           | 37                   | 22                   | 31         | 27          | 32          | 28          | 31          | 24          |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 35            | 34            | 0           | 0           | 34                   | 24                   | 27         | 25          | 31          | 27          | 29          | 27          |
| Washington. . . . .          | 32            | 16            | 0           | 0           | 16                   | 12                   | 18         | 14          | 19          | 18          | 16          | 13          |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        | 20            | 16            | 0           | 0           | 16                   | 12                   | 14         | 13          | 14          | 13          | 17          | 16          |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 23            | 21            | 0           | 0           | 21                   | 18                   | 19         | 16          | 20          | 19          | 17          | 15          |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 32            | 28            | 0           | 0           | 28                   | 19                   | 25         | 23          | 27          | 22          | 19          | 16          |
| Federal . . . . .            | 27            | 22            | 1           | 2           | 19                   | 14                   | 22         | 18          | 18          | 15          | 18          | 16          |
| Lake Vale. . . . .           | 21            | 12            | 0           | 0           | 12                   | 9                    | 15         | 14          | 17          | 16          | 13          | 12          |
| Union. . . . .               | 33            | 29            | 2           | 0           | 27                   | 26                   | 25         | 23          | 25          | 22          | 25          | 19          |
| West Hill . . . . .          | 17            | 17            | 2           | 1           | 14                   | 9                    | 10         | 8           | 14          | 10          | 9           | 7           |
| East Hill . . . . .          | 11            | 11            | 0           | 0           | 11                   | 10                   | 10         | 9           | 10          | 9           | 10          | 9           |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 16            | 16            | 0           | 0           | 16                   | 8                    | 10         | 8           | 7           | 6           | 5           | 5           |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 21            | 20            | 1           | 1           | 18                   | 15                   | 16         | 15          | 18          | 16          | 14          | 14          |
|                              | 579           | 478           | 8           | 51          | 415                  | 300                  | 431        | 372         | 434         | 394         | 407         | 358         |



## Roll of Honor.

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PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FIVE YEARS.

Everett Geer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Florence Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Ruth Jackson,  
Daniel Coleman.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Agnes Thayer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Anna Coleman.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Beatrice Squires,  
Minnie Barnes,  
Herbert Canterbury,  
John Clements,  
George Legrand,  
Maria Baggs,  
Luella Bardwell,  
Lawrence Hayden,  
Henry Cooley,  
Philip Sanford,

Edith Thayer,  
Lewis Thayer,  
Clifford Geer,  
George Foley,  
James Moore,  
George Lane,  
Marie Davis,  
Frances Gould,  
Carlton White,  
Marion Bridgman,

Grace Signor.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Maud Mansfield,  
 Edna Burgin,  
 Florence Alden,  
 Raymond Gould,  
 Bessie Alden,  
 Bessie Randolph,  
 Florence Dodd,  
 Florence Gould,  
 Glenn Little,  
 Edna Damon,  
 Helen Adkins,  
 Doris Spellman,  
 Maggie Brown,  
 Bertha Eaton,  
 Minnie Stadler,  
 Philip Legrand,  
 Charlie Hayes,  
 Dorothy Powers,  
 Burt Clifford,  
 John Jackson,  
 Percy Thayer,  
 Charlotte Little,  
 Esther Jackson,  
 Grace Little,  
 Lillian Austin,  
 Mary Austin,  
 Francis Austin,  
 Henry Brunell,  
 Philip Brunell,  
 Lucy Barnes,  
 Alice Corey,  
 Antonia Farley,  
 Paul Squires,  
 Geraldine Shea,  
 Lizzie Shea,  
 Clarence Brotherton,  
 Joseph Lyons,  
 Joseph Driscoll,

Julia O'Connor,  
 Kittie Adkins,  
 Anna Legrand,  
 Minnie Moriarty,  
 Ethel Alden,  
 Samuel Wilson,  
 Grace Thayer,  
 Thomas Legrand,  
 Clifford Sheldon,  
 Kathryn Moriarty,  
 Guernsey Clough,  
 Sarah Bush,  
 Patrick McDonnell,  
 Ruth Eaton,  
 Eda Stadler,  
 Raymond Bardwell,  
 Leon Allen,  
 Clark Spellman,  
 Ethel Dewey,  
 Pauline Sanford,  
 Lucy Warner,  
 Lewis Dodge,  
 George Clifford,  
 Earl Allen,  
 Frank Whedyka,  
 Patrick Shea,  
 Willie Keyes,  
 Gertrude Shea,  
 Lizzie Shea,  
 Lulu Shea,  
 Chester Canterbury,  
 John Sullivan,  
 Mary Sullivan,  
 John Keyes,  
 Irwin Pratt,  
 Henry Martin,  
 Clifford Keyes,  
 Walter Campbell.



# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To one of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner, for three years; One Highway Surveyor, for one year; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town: vote "Yes" or "No," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: Three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years, and one Tree Warden for one year.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, for the purchase of school books and other supplies, for salaries of School Committee and Superintendent, and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repair of schoolhouses.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray town expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to take such action on said repairs as the town may deem best, and to act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to build water closets for the Center schools and appoint a committee to carry out its vote and raise money for the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to procure a supply of water for the Center schools and raise money for the purpose.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to hire a team to carry the children from the north end of Union district, to the school and raise money for the same. Agreeably to the petition of Charles A. Marsh and sixteen others.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of three hundred dollars to inforce the liquor law.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of its tax collector for collecting its taxes for 1905.

ART. 15. To see if the town will fix the date upon which taxes must be paid for the year 1905.

ART. 16. To see if the town will grant permission to H. R. Gould, to take water from the town well on the south end of the common, for domestic purposes. Agreeably to the petition of Henry R. Gould and ten others.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars, for the use of Post 97 of the Grand Army, for Memorial Day exercises.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to adopt a by-law to regulate the speed of automobiles on the highways of the town, and prescribe penalties for violation of such law.

ART. 19. To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars, from Mrs. Nancy Graves, on condition that the lot in Mt.



Hope cemetery, where lie the remains of Dea. Henry Graves, be kept mowed and the stones be kept in position and clean for all time.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred seventy six dollars and sixty cents as part payment on account of change of grade crossing at R. R. Station on Granby road.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of sixty dollars, to buy a furnace to heat the fire engine house.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to construct a highway, beginning at a point in the west line of Main St., which is eleven and one half feet northerly of the northeast corner of W. E. Bridgman's house lot, which is the point of beginning of said road, running westerly on a line parallel with the north line of said Bridgman land 18 rods to a point in the east line of the high school lot, eleven and one half feet northerly of the northwest corner of said W. E. Bridgman's land according to the course and distances as laid out by the Selectmen, raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to construct a highway beginning at a point near the house of Wm. Kennedy, running in a westerly direction to a point near the Pansy Park R. R. station, according to the course and distance as laid out by the Selectmen, raise and appropriate money for same.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to contract with a company to be known as the Belchertown Electric Lighting Co., or any other person or persons, to furnish ten arc lights to light the streets of the village, for a term of five years, raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for the purpose of paying for the same during the year.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from John B. Shea's land, to the road near and leading from John D. Shea's to Bondsville.

ART. 26. To see if the town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to rent the town farm with or without the stock and tools, as they may think best and make such provisions for the paupers as the said Overseers may consider economical and just. Agreeably to a petition of Guy C. Allen and nine others.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise money to defray the ex-

pense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 29. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of the town house.

ART. 30. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock for the year ensuing.

ART. 31. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 32. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

ART. 33. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M. and will be closed at 3 o'clock P. M. unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational Church, one on the Baptist Church, one at the depot at Dwight and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of February,  
A. D. 1905.

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |

















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BELCHERTOWN, MASS.  
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1906.



**T**HE Selectmen beg leave to make the following report, together with the other officers and agents of the town. In this report we have tried to show the voters of the town, the financial condition of the town to the best of our ability.

We would here call attention to the fact that there is a debt on the town to the amount of \$ 2,000.00, incurred by the abolishing of the grade crossing at the depot. The State Treasurer has divided this amount into four payments of \$ 500.00 each, with interest annually. We shall ask for an appropriation to meet this sum.





## Assessors' Report.

|                                                  |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Value of assessed real estate, May 1st, 1905, \$ | 749,755.00         |
| Value of assessed personal estate,               | 122,395.00         |
|                                                  | <hr/> \$872,150.00 |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$ 17.90 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$ 13,420.62       |
| Tax on personal estate, | 2,190.87           |
| Tax on 557 polls,       | 1,114.00           |
|                         | <hr/> \$ 16,725.49 |

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS :

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$ 13,876.60       |
| State tax,                          | 1,160.00           |
| County tax,                         | 1,619.35           |
| State highway tax,                  | 7.01               |
| Overlayings,                        | 62.53              |
|                                     | <hr/> \$ 16,725.49 |

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Residents assessed on property,     | 430    |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 157    |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 189    |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,945 |
| Horses,                             | 581    |
| Cows,                               | 1,488  |
| Neat cattle, other than cows,       | 429    |
| Sheep,                              | 23     |
| Swine,                              | 97     |
| Fowls,                              | 2,637  |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 501    |

|                   |                                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN JR., | }      Assessors<br>of<br>Belchertown. |
| A. L. PRATT,      |                                        |
| F. B. ALDEN,      |                                        |

## Collector's Report.

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|                                                                                    |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance in Collector's hands, Feb. 15, 1905, for tax, 1904, \$                     | 1,316.07     |
| Amount paid Treasurer,                                                             | 1,316.07     |
| Amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors' Warrant, dated Aug. 17, 1905, | \$ 16,725.49 |
| He has collected and paid to the Treasurer,                                        | 14,491.41    |
|                                                                                    | <hr/>        |
| Balance in Collector's hands,                                                      | 2,234.08     |

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*



## Treasurer's Report.

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| 1905. |    | <i>Dr.</i>                            |             |
|-------|----|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Feb.  | 15 | Balance due on settlement,            | \$ 1,234.64 |
|       | 27 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                | 86.90       |
|       | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                        | 138.05      |
|       | 28 | D. F. Shumway, Coupon Tax,            | 2.48        |
| March | 3  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,             | 43.79       |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                        | 15.00       |
|       | 13 | D. F. Shumway,                        | 98.18       |
|       | 15 | Amherst Bank, six months,             | 2,500.00    |
|       | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                        | 26.00       |
|       | 27 | B. Freeman, Town Farm,                | 68.00       |
|       | 29 | B. & M. R. R.,                        | 50.00       |
|       | 29 | N. Randall, old harness,              | 14.00       |
| April | 1  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,             | 38.79       |
|       | 4  | Town of Ludlow, account of school,    | 9.25        |
|       | 5  | J. E. Clark, fines of Geo. A. Harvey, | 10.00       |
|       | 12 | Fred Burnett, rent of Town Hall,      | 1.00        |
|       | 14 | North Adams,                          | 26.90       |
|       | 17 | D. F. Shumway,                        | 25.50       |
|       | 18 | D. F. Shumway,                        | 28.00       |
|       | 19 | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,   | 2.00        |
|       | 25 | H. M. Jepson, butcher's license,      | 1.00        |
|       | 28 | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,             | 42.67       |
|       | 28 | Amherst Bank, six months,             | 2,000.00    |
| May   | 1  | C. H. Snow, liquor license,           | 1.00        |
|       | 1  | Town Farm, board of Louis Stowell,    | 39.00       |
|       | 3  | Ira E. Damon, butcher's license,      | 1.00        |

|      |    |                                                                  |          |
|------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May  | 6  | Cash of John Wood, butcher's license,                            | \$ 1.00  |
|      | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 22.48    |
|      | 18 | G. H. B. Green, for school supplies<br>burned at Express Office, | 4.00     |
|      | 20 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 34.10    |
|      | 24 | Express Co., for book burned at Ex-<br>press Office,             | 1.50     |
|      | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 56.86    |
| June | 1  | Fred Burnett, rent of Town Hall,                                 | 5.00     |
|      | 1  | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                                        | 58.05    |
|      | 2  | John Stadler, butcher's license,                                 | 1.00     |
|      | 7  | State Treasurer, support of sick pauper,                         | 67.34    |
|      | 7  | State Treasurer, tuition of state children,                      | 482.50   |
|      | 8  | Town Farm,                                                       | 64.19    |
|      | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 32.63    |
| June | 23 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                                          | 2,000.00 |
|      | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 60.00    |
|      | 30 | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                                        | 79.51    |
| July | 1  | Town Farm for milk,                                              | 18.50    |
|      | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 40.00    |
|      | 5  | Fines in District Court,                                         | 15.00    |
|      | 12 | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,                                  | 37.56    |
|      | 20 | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,                                  | 19.44    |
|      | 20 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 47.49    |
|      | 21 | A. H. Hubbard, from M. Ayers, Lot in<br>Cemetery,                | 20.00    |
|      | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 11.00    |
|      | 31 | N. Randall, Creamery Co.,                                        | 25.73    |
| Aug. | 1  | B. Freeman, milk Town Farm,                                      | 37.35    |
|      | 9  | B. Freeman, milk Town Farm,                                      | 18.67    |
|      | 14 | B. Freeman, milk Town Farm,                                      | 25.04    |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, Inspection of Animals,                          | 74.45    |
|      | 15 | Richard French, butcher's license,                               | 1.00     |
|      | 16 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 30.65    |
|      | 21 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 39.00    |
|      | 22 | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,                                  | 34.56    |
|      | 24 | D. F. Shumway,                                                   | 25.04    |
|      | 31 | Amherst Bank, 3 months,                                          | 2,000.00 |



|       |    |                                                             |          |
|-------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sept. | 2  | Cash of Town Farm, board of Louis Stowell,                  | \$ 13.29 |
|       | 2  | Town Farm, use of Lock-up,                                  | 1.00     |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 262.80   |
|       | 5  | Herbert Payne, butcher's license,                           | 1.00     |
|       | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 123.11   |
|       | 6  | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                    | 21.00    |
|       | 7  | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,                             | 35.52    |
|       | 9  | B. Freeman, for wood,                                       | 12.00    |
|       | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 367.27   |
|       | 11 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 513.17   |
|       | 13 | B. & M. R. R., account of abolition of<br>grade crossing,   | 253.11   |
|       | 13 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                    | 29.00    |
|       | 13 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 162.65   |
|       | 18 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 91.61    |
|       | 19 | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,                             | 34.54    |
|       | 20 | State Treasurer, account of abolition<br>of grade crossing, | 486.27   |
| Sept. | 21 | Charles H. Reynolds, for spot in cemetery,                  | 2.00     |
|       | 21 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 829.00   |
|       | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 257.77   |
|       | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 239.86   |
| Oct.  | 2  | B. Freeman, Town Farm,                                      | 20.00    |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                    | 37.33    |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 398.61   |
|       | 5  | J. A. Crosier, fines in District Court,                     | 12.00    |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 68.00    |
|       | 6  | B. Freeman, Town Farm, board Louis<br>Stowell,              | 12.85    |
|       | 6  | B. Freeman, Town Farm milk,                                 | 35.74    |
|       | 6  | J. E. Clark, fines of Henry Pratt,                          | 5.00     |
|       | 9  | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                    | 15.42    |
|       | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 112.00   |
|       | 10 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 111.00   |
|       | 11 | E. H. Pardee, auctioneer's license,                         | 1.00     |
|       | 13 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 346.99   |
|       | 14 | D. F. Shumway,                                              | 119.25   |
|       | 18 | C. V. R. R., Abolition of grade crossing,                   | 632.15   |

|      |    |                                        |           |
|------|----|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Oct. | 20 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                 | \$ 287.60 |
|      | 26 | B. Freeman, Town Farm for milk,        | 52.56     |
|      | 26 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,               | 23.16     |
|      | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 379.05    |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 112.16    |
|      | 28 | Amherst Bank, three months,            | 2,000.00  |
|      | 31 | B. Freeman, for wood from Town Farm,   | 35.00     |
|      | 31 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 731.33    |
| Nov. | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                         | 354.77    |
|      | 2  | Town of Enfield, for Flora S. With-    |           |
|      |    | erell & child,                         | 43.25     |
|      | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                         | 648.23    |
|      | 7  | D. F. Shumway,                         | 725.00    |
|      | 7  | B. Freeman, Town Farm for milk,        | 35.36     |
|      | 11 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,               | 30.08     |
|      | 11 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 23.62     |
|      | 13 | B. Freeman, from Town Farm,            | 8.80      |
|      | 13 | B. Freeman, from town board Lewis      |           |
|      |    | Stowell,                               | 13.28     |
|      | 18 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,               | 10.35     |
|      | 18 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 450.25    |
|      | 25 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 335.50    |
| Dec. | 1  | B. Freeman, Town Farm for milk,        | 57.20     |
|      | 1  | B. Freeman, town board Lewis Stowell,  | 12.86     |
|      | 2  | M. S. Barton, use of Lock-up,          | 1.00      |
| Dec. | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                         | 522.54    |
|      | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                         | 496.84    |
|      | 9  | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,               | 62.36     |
|      | 10 | Corporation tax,                       | 121.09    |
|      | 10 | National Bank tax,                     | 256.33    |
|      | 10 | Military Aid,                          | 82.00     |
|      | 10 | State Aid,                             | 1,460.00  |
|      | 10 | Temporary Aid,                         | 2.99      |
|      | 10 | Burial of indigent Soldier and Sailor, | 70.00     |
|      | 12 | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,        | 38.21     |
|      | 16 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 196.00    |
|      | 16 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,               | 22.00     |
|      | 21 | D. F. Shumway,                         | 328.86    |



|      |    |                                                                 |          |
|------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Dec. | 21 | Cash of D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                | \$ 20.05 |
|      | 23 | Amherst Bank, one month,                                        | 2,000.00 |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 388.78   |
|      | 28 | B. Freeman, for milk Town Farm,                                 | 37.74    |
|      | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 924.63   |
| 1906 |    |                                                                 |          |
| Jan. | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 674.75   |
|      | 3  | Clerk of District Court, for fines,                             | 40.00    |
|      | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 479.62   |
|      | 8  | Fred Higgins, butcher's license,                                | 1.00     |
|      | 10 | B. Freeman, Town Farm,                                          | 16.57    |
|      | 10 | B. Freeman, board of Lewis Stowell,                             | 13.28    |
|      | 10 | B. Freeman, for milk,                                           | 32.85    |
|      | 10 | County Treasurer, Dog Fund,                                     | 347.84   |
|      | 13 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                        | 47.08    |
|      | 13 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 596.01   |
|      | 16 | B. Freeman, for milk,                                           | 14.00    |
|      | 19 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 457.52   |
|      | 19 | State Treasurer, account of School Supt.,                       | 900.00   |
|      | 22 | Martin Crow, use of Town Hall,                                  | 1.00     |
|      | 22 | N. Randall, for board and care of S. T.<br>Weston at almshouse, | 75.00    |
|      | 25 | State Treasurer, Income Mass. School<br>Fund,                   | 1,050.85 |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                        | 77.98    |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 321.24   |
|      | 30 | Martin Crow, use of Town Hall,                                  | 1.00     |
|      | 31 | Interest on Cemetery Fund,                                      | 46.46    |
| Feb. | 1  | B. Freeman, board of Lewis Stowell,                             | 13.28    |
|      | 2  | Estate of S. T. Weston,                                         | 23.65    |
|      | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 205.25   |
|      | 7  | D. F. Shumway, 1904 tax,                                        | 103.38   |
|      | 10 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 141.24   |
|      | 13 | B. Freeman, Town Farm for milk,                                 | 54.20    |
|      | 14 | B. Freeman, Town Farm,                                          | 12.70    |
|      | 14 | B. Freeman, driving hearse,                                     | 58.00    |
|      | 14 | D. F. Shumway,                                                  | 345.08   |

|      |    |                        |              |
|------|----|------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. | 14 | Cash of D. F. Shumway, | \$ 145.20    |
|      | 15 | D. F. Shumway,         | 217.25       |
|      |    |                        | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                        | \$ 37,571.21 |

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|-------|----|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1905. |    | <i>Cr.</i>                                          |          |
| Feb.  | 17 | Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in district court, | \$ 6.82  |
| March | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 26.17    |
|       | 7  | W. E. Bridgman, insurance of Town Hall,             | 15.00    |
|       | 15 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 50.00    |
| April | 28 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 45.00    |
| May   | 1  | State Treasurer, account of liquor license,         | .25      |
| June  | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 29.10    |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway, services in district court,          | 6.54     |
|       | 23 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 45.00    |
| July  | 3  | W. E. Bridgman, insurance on Town Farm building,    | 52.50    |
|       | 9  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 13.76    |
| Aug.  | 31 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 22.50    |
| Sept. | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 5.00     |
|       | 2  | Reuben Bell, services in district court,            | 13.14    |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway, services in district court,          | 7.64     |
|       | 14 | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 2,500.00 |
| Oct.  | 6  | County Tax,                                         | 1,619.35 |
|       | 6  | D. H. Tillson, services in district court,          | 16.81    |
|       | 28 | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 2,000.00 |



|       |    |                                            |              |
|-------|----|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Oct.  | 28 | Cash paid Discount on note in bank,        | \$ 22.50     |
| Nov.  | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,  | 2.98         |
|       | 2  | J. W. Flint, services in district court,   | 6.86         |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway, services in district court, | 3.82         |
|       | 27 | Note at Amherst Bank,                      | 2,000.00     |
| Dec.  | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,  | 22.30        |
|       | 10 | State Tax,                                 | 1,160.00     |
|       | 10 | Abolition of grade crossing loan fund,     | 676.60       |
|       | 10 | Interest on loan fund,                     | 134.12       |
|       | 10 | Repairs on state highway,                  | 7.01         |
|       | 23 | Note at Amherst Bank,                      | 2,000.00     |
|       | 23 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,          | 8.33         |
| 1906. |    |                                            |              |
| Jan.  | 22 | Note at Amherst Bank,                      | 2,000.00     |
|       | 29 | Note at Amherst Bank,                      | 2,000.00     |
| Feb.  | 15 | 516 Town Orders, Selectmen,                | 19,470.79    |
|       |    | Services as Treasurer,                     | 100.00       |
|       |    | Cash on hand,                              | 1,481.32     |
|       |    |                                            | <hr/>        |
|       |    |                                            | \$ 37,571.21 |

# Report of Highway Surveyor.

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## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Paid for Permanent Repairs, | \$ 1,050.00 |
| Bridges and culverts,       | 175.00      |
| Railings,                   | 90.00       |
| Mowing brush,               | 90.00       |
| Last Spring's snow bill,    | 50.00       |
| General repairing,          | 1,461.55    |
|                             | <hr/>       |
|                             | \$ 2,916.55 |
| Paid A. Shaw,               | 7.50        |
| Will Belding,               | 4.00        |
| E. E. Snow,                 | 2.00        |
| Tom Condon,                 | 6.00        |
| Tom Riley,                  | 8.25        |
| Jerry Riley,                | 4.25        |
| Gean Dick,                  | 68.55       |
| Dick French,                | 2.00        |
| Leon Aldrich,               | 39.75       |
| Dwight Jepson,              | 63.23       |
| Arnold Rowe,                | 117.92      |
| A. Cutting,                 | 10.65       |
| H. & F. Peeso,              | 20.42       |
| Geo. Davis,                 | 13.50       |
| Ernest Davis,               | 12.25       |
| Elmer Peeso,                | 106.25      |
| George Akers,               | 4.80        |
| Peter Garvey,               | 3.00        |
| Mr. Osgood,                 | 5.00        |



|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Geo. Dwight,                         | \$ 4.95 |
| A. Slater,                                | 4.05    |
| Horace Adkins,                            | 25.90   |
| Dan. Kennedy,                             | 3.25    |
| D. F. Shumway,                            | 8.00    |
| Geo. Oliver,                              | 28.50   |
| Pratt Bros.,                              | 2.00    |
| Rob. Thomson,                             | 12.00   |
| Nelson Cook,                              | 49.65   |
| Geo. Warner,                              | 109.60  |
| M. F. Austin,                             | 183.90  |
| Tom. Flaherty,                            | 364.20  |
| A. M. Baggs,                              | 36.50   |
| L. W. Dillon,                             | 11.50   |
| J. Le Grande,                             | 124.20  |
| Ed. Shumway,                              | 40.00   |
| Jason Hurlburt,                           | 62.00   |
| Clayton Green,                            | 53.50   |
| F. E. Austin,                             | 4.20    |
| Austin Kimball,                           | 51.53   |
| H. M. Lamson,                             | 70.00   |
| H. A. Paine,                              | 38.04   |
| M. C. Bardwell,                           | 29.95   |
| E. C. Witt,                               | 20.00   |
| H. M. Jepson, dynamite,                   | 33.95   |
| Walter Dunbar,                            | 54.55   |
| M. E. Cavanaugh,                          | 181.50  |
| E. B. Sanford,                            | 21.20   |
| Carl Kimball,                             | 2.00    |
| F. M. Wilson, labor and dirt,             | 12.00   |
| M. A. Morse, dirt,                        | 7.90    |
| S. Kelley,                                | 6.00    |
| Dr. Thomson,                              | 6.00    |
| 225 loads, at .06, Shannon's bank,        | 13.50   |
| Cowles & Peeso, poles & plank,            | 98.00   |
| T. D. Potter, plank etc.                  | 13.17   |
| Hazen, tiling,                            | 19.94   |
| J. A. Peeso, tiling, last year's account, | 4.72    |

|                                               |    |        |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|--------|-------------|
| Paid Tools, cement & repairs on scraper etc., | \$ | 35.00  |             |
| R. Allen, plank,                              |    | 2.88   |             |
| J. A. Peeso, men & labor,                     |    | 542.50 |             |
| Services as supt. streets,                    |    | 25.00  |             |
|                                               |    | <hr/>  | \$ 2,916.55 |
| Received,                                     |    |        | 2,852.20    |
|                                               |    |        | <hr/>       |
| Balance due,                                  |    |        | \$ 64.35    |

JAMES A. PEESO, *Surveyor.*



# Report of Selectmen

## ON HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

1905.

|          |                                                   |          |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| April 1, | Joseph F. Legrand, old account,                   | \$ 71.95 |
|          | Henry Paine, old account,                         | 3.15     |
|          | James A. Peeso, for tools, highways<br>& repairs, | 9.70     |
|          | James A. Peeso, repairs on highways,              | 110.00   |

May 1, James A. Peeso, " " " 600.00

June 1, " " " " " " 350.00

July 1, " " " " " " 525.00

August 1, " " " " " " 315.00

Sept. 1, " " " " " " 300.00

Oct. 2, " " " " " " 300.00

Nov. 1, " " " " " " 200.00

1906.

Jan. 1, " " " " " " 100.00

M. F. Austin, approved by J. A. Peeso, 35.00

Arthur Shaw, approved by J. A. Peeso, 7.50

\$ 2,927.30

We the Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$ 2,927.30 as above.

Appropriation, \$ 3,500.00

Less reservation for snow, of 500.00

\$ 3,000.00

Expended, 2,927.30

Less appropriation, \$ 72.70

|                 |                                            |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| A. C. SMITH,    |                                            |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |                                            |

# Report of Overseers of Poor.

*For the Year Ending February 15, 1906.*

*At Almshouse.*

|                          |             |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Home farm and buildings, | \$ 5,000.00 |             |
| Two wood lots,           | 500.00      |             |
| Abbey pasture,           | 500.00      |             |
|                          | <hr/>       | \$ 6,000.00 |

|                                           |        |           |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Household furniture, beds, bedding, etc., | 192.09 |           |
| Provisions of all kinds,                  | 156.00 |           |
| Stove wood, 29 cords hard,                | 145.00 |           |
| Cord wood, 45 cords hard,                 | 135.00 |           |
| Cord wood, 25 cords birch,                | 50.00  |           |
| Ice,                                      | 45.00  |           |
|                                           | <hr/>  | \$ 723.09 |

## LIVE STOCK.

|                   |        |           |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1 pair of horses, | 225.00 |           |
| 14 cows,          | 495.00 |           |
| 1 bull,           | 35.00  |           |
| 2 two years old,  | 45.00  |           |
| 3 yearlings,      | 48.00  |           |
| 2 brood sows,     | 38.00  |           |
| 1 boar,           | 7.00   |           |
| 87 hens,          | 60.00  |           |
|                   | <hr/>  | \$ 953.00 |

## GRAIN.

|                         |       |           |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 40 bushels of corn,     | 16.00 |           |
| 20 bushels of rye,      | 15.00 |           |
| 4 bushels of seed corn, | 4.00  |           |
| 1 bushel of sweet corn, | 1.50  |           |
| Grain and feed on hand, | 63.77 |           |
|                         | <hr/> | \$ 100.27 |



## HAY.

|                                  |    |                   |             |
|----------------------------------|----|-------------------|-------------|
| 16 tons,                         | \$ | 256.00            |             |
| 5 tons,                          |    | <del>150.00</del> |             |
| 1 ton rye straw,                 |    | 16.00             |             |
|                                  |    | <hr/>             | \$ 322.00   |
| Farm tools, wagons, sleds, etc., |    | 260.00            |             |
| New sleigh,                      |    | 25.00             |             |
|                                  |    | <hr/>             | \$ 285.00   |
| Total,                           |    |                   | <hr/>       |
|                                  |    |                   | \$ 8,383.36 |

## PAUPER IN ACCOUNT.

## Paid

|                                                     |    |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|--------|
| Pratt Brothers, planing lumber,                     | \$ | 1.40   |
| Charles G. Trainer, labor, Town Farm,               |    | 28.75  |
| Roswell Allen, sawing wood, Town Farm,              |    | 29.50  |
| W. L. Sanford, grass seed, seed oats, at Town Farm, |    | 20.85  |
| D. P. Spencer, one half ton of fertilizer, " "      |    | 17.00  |
| Russell Hunt, sawing lumber, " "                    |    | 14.82  |
| D. F. Austin, mixing can, " "                       |    | 11.00  |
| Frank Escott, labor haying, " "                     |    | 9.00   |
| Roderick R. Weston, labor haying, " "               |    | 25.00  |
| D. L. Hazen, tile for ditch, " "                    |    | 12.00  |
| E. C. Witt, plowing on " "                          |    | 13.20  |
| C. E. Snow, repairing clock, " "                    |    | 2.50   |
| F. E. Austin, patching barn, " "                    |    | 1.50   |
| A. Hubbard, opening grave for S. T. Weston,         |    | 3.50   |
| L. A. Smith, coffin box & robe for S. T. Weston,    |    | 18.50  |
| R. Weston & F. Gould, cutting 25 cords wood,        |    | 25.00  |
| H. A. Cutting, labor at Town Farm,                  |    | 7.80   |
| Bond & Potter, lumber for floor, Town Farm,         |    | 14.39  |
| Roswell Allen, supplies for Town Farm,              |    | 3.22   |
| E. A. Randall, supplies for Almshouse,              |    | 2.92   |
| Dodge & Wood, supplies for Almshouse,               |    | 22.75  |
| F. F. Dewey, " " "                                  |    | 10.99  |
| A. Bridgman, " " "                                  |    | 66.75  |
| D. L. Hazen, " " "                                  |    | 67.87  |
| * W. L. Sanford, " " "                              |    | 115.87 |
| J. W. Jackson, " " "                                |    | 114.54 |

|                                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| H. A. Hopkins, dry goods,                       | \$ 27.57   |
| Harvey Purdy, tobacco for inmates,              | 5.50       |
| F. W. Fellows, supplies for Town Farm,          | 12.80      |
| Thomas Mansfield, horse shoeing for Town Farm,  | 1.25       |
| M. A. Hicks, blacksmithing for Town Farm,       | 28.55      |
| E. F. Towne, grain and feed for Town Farm,      | 26.30      |
| E. H. Dyer, grain and feed for Town Farm,       | 511.43     |
| B. Freeman and wife, Warden and Matron,         | 400.00     |
| C. H. Snow, druggist supplies,                  | 2.85       |
| Roderick Weston and Gould, cutting ice,         | 5.80       |
| E. C. Witt, scraps for poultry,                 | 7.50       |
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies for S. T. Weston,       | 3.00       |
| R. L. Weston & Gould, cutting 38 cords of wood, | 38.00      |
| D. L. Hazen, one barrel of stock food,          | 25.00      |
| D. L. Hazen, five mattresses,                   | 13.80      |
|                                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                                 | \$ 1769.97 |

#### INCOME OF TOWN FARM.

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash paid Treasurer, for cream,             | \$ 244.75   |
| “ “ “ “ milk,                               | 619.04      |
| “ “ “ “ Mr. Stowell's board,                | 117.84      |
| “ “ “ “ Mr. Weston's board                  |             |
| and care,                                   | 75.00       |
| “ “ “ “ pigs, pork, beef, wood,             |             |
| etc.,                                       | 309.26      |
| Cash in hands of Warden,                    | 2.00        |
| Due from State, for board of Stephen White, | 34.00       |
| Due for stock service,                      | 10.00       |
| Due for wood,                               | 5.00        |
| Increase on personal property,              | 116.36      |
|                                             | <hr/>       |
| Total income,                               | \$ 1,533.25 |
|                                             | <hr/>       |
| Actual expense of the Almshouse,            | \$ 236.72   |
| Number inmates registered during year,      | 12          |
| Number in almshouse at present,             | 6           |
| Number died during year,                    | 1           |



|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Number removed by state,              | 4  |
| Number soldiers given food & lodging, | 2  |
| Number prisoners during year,         | 4  |
| Number of hearse calls,               | 29 |

The Overseers of the Poor feel that Mr. & Mrs. Freeman, the Warden & Matron, need no commendation from them, as their works show better than words.

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### WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN.

*Town Farm Income from Feb. 15, 1905, to Feb. 15, 1906.*

|                                  |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Wood,                            | \$ 107.50 |           |
| Skim milk,                       | 77.95     |           |
| Eggs,                            | 32.61     |           |
| Rags,                            | 1.02      |           |
| Shingles,                        | 12.00     |           |
| Beef,                            | 8.00      |           |
| Pigs,                            | 116.50    |           |
| Cow,                             | 39.00     |           |
| Potatoes,                        | 12.20     |           |
| Poultry,                         | 20.35     |           |
| Stock service,                   | 14.00     |           |
| Warden for plowing,              | 3.50      |           |
| Vinegar,                         | 10.44     |           |
| Corn,                            | 2.25      |           |
| Berries,                         | 2.01      |           |
| Rye,                             | 2.40      |           |
| Pasturing cattle,                | 12.00     |           |
| Veal calves,                     | 14.76     |           |
| Warden for drawing ice,          | 7.40      |           |
| State for care of state charges, | 6.50      |           |
| Warden for driving hearse,       | 67.00     |           |
| Board of Lewis Stowell,          | 65.55     |           |
| Total,                           |           | \$ 634.94 |

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.*

*Town Farm Expenditures from Feb. 15, 1905, to Feb. 15, 1906.*

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid into treasury during year,        | \$ 383.85 |
| Charles Trainer, farm labor,           | 4.50      |
| Roderick Weston, farm labor,           | 19.50     |
| Roderick Weston, labor on stove wood,  | 8.63      |
| C. Lamson, " " " "                     | 7.13      |
| R. Thomson, " " " "                    | .75       |
| Washing at almshouse for year,         | 52.40     |
| Grand Union Tea Co., supplies,         | 32.20     |
| Soap,                                  | 8.40      |
| Supplies for state charges,            | 3.00      |
| Barber services for year, two inmates, | 10.10     |
| Curtains,                              | 2.55      |
| Tedder castings,                       | .35       |
| 7 settings of eggs,                    | 1.75      |
| Town account book,                     | .55       |
| Clothing for inmates,                  | 3.50      |
| Groceries,                             | 9.42      |
| Meat,                                  | 8.34      |
| Fish,                                  | 5.00      |
| Onions,                                | 1.15      |
| Blueberries,                           | 2.10      |
| Filing horses teeth,                   | 3.00      |
| Heifer,                                | 12.00     |
| Stove fixtures,                        | 3.57      |
| D. Jepson, use of horse on hearse,     | 2.00      |
| Heifer,                                | 15.00     |
| Sleigh,                                | 24.95     |
| E. A. Randall, difference on trade,    | 2.50      |
| Garden plants,                         | .75       |
| H. Lamson, use of double wagon,        | 1.00      |
| Matting,                               | 3.00      |
| Amount,                                | \$ 632.94 |
| Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1906,           | 2.00      |

BENJ. FREEMAN. *Warden.*



## PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                |          |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Emily Cooley, for board of Flora Witherell,                    | \$ 38.25 |           |
| Standard Grocery, supplies for Cheniel family,                 | 20.07    |           |
| Michael Welch, partial support for the year,                   | 24.00    |           |
| Jacob Rieff family, partial support,                           | 28.64    |           |
| K. C. Haynes, partial support by Wm. Kennedy,                  | 49.11    |           |
| Thomas O'Brian, partial support,                               | 18.75    |           |
| Town of Templeton, supplies for Stephen White<br>and wife,     | 60.61    |           |
| Town of Adams, aid rendered Fred Knowlton<br>and family,       | 4.00     |           |
| N. Randall, cash, moving Stephen White and<br>wife,            | 5.16     |           |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies for Whitman family,                      | 2.99     |           |
| Dr. E. S. Thomson, medical aid, Terrien family,                | 41.00    |           |
| Dr. Geo. F. Thomson, medical aid, Witherell child,             | 5.00     |           |
| Arnold Rowe, watching with S. T. Weston,                       | 1.00     |           |
| City of Springfield, aid rendered Frank Capen,                 | 28.00    |           |
| D. L. Hazen, one pair boots for James Fuller,                  | 2.75     |           |
| L. A. Smith, services and material for burial of<br>Anna Bush, | 6.00     |           |
|                                                                | <hr/>    |           |
| Total expenditures,                                            |          | \$ 335.33 |

## RECEIPTS AND DUES.

|                                                 |       |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Received from town of Enfield,                  | 43.25 |           |
| Received from town of North Adams,              | 20.07 |           |
| Due from the State, for care of Stephen White,  | 30.30 |           |
| Due from the State, for care of Alfred Terrien, | 41.00 |           |
| Received from the estate of S. T. Weston,       | 1.00  |           |
| Due from the State, supplies for Jacob Rieff,   | 28.64 |           |
|                                                 | <hr/> | \$ 164.26 |
|                                                 |       | <hr/>     |
| Actual expenses outside of Almshouse,           |       | \$ 171.07 |

|                                                    |             |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                                     | \$ 1,000.00 |           |
| Actual expense of Paupers,                         | 407.79      |           |
|                                                    |             | <hr/>     |
| Balance left in treasury, and due paupers account, |             | \$ 592.21 |

|                 |   |                                   |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| A. C. SMITH,    |   |                                   |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                   |

## REPORT ON LIGHTING STREETS.

### *Expenditures for the year.*

|                                                             |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Harry Hannum, for lighting & care of lamps 5 months,   | \$20.00   |
| Grover Snow, for lighting & care of lamps 5 months,         | 20.00     |
| Rufus Pierce, for lighting & care of lamps 12 months,       | 48.00     |
| E. A. Atwood & son, for lighting & care of lamps 12 months, | 48.00     |
| Horace Adkins, for lighting & care of lamps 2 months,       | 8.00      |
| F. F. Dewey, for oil and supplies,                          | .96       |
| W. L. Lauree, for burners,                                  | 2.50      |
| B. L. Thrasher, for mending lamps,                          | 1.10      |
| A. Bridgman, for oil and supplies.                          | 9.36      |
| F. W. Fellows, " " " "                                      | 21.33     |
| C. H. Snow, " " " "                                         | 9.54      |
| D. L. Hazen, " " " "                                        | 30.87     |
| F. W. Fellows, " " " "                                      | 2.04      |
|                                                             | <hr/>     |
| Expended,                                                   | \$ 221.70 |
| Unexpended balance last year,                               | \$ 38.33  |
| Appropriation,                                              | 100.00    |
|                                                             | <hr/>     |
|                                                             | \$ 138.33 |
| Excess of appropriation,                                    | 83.37     |
|                                                             | <hr/>     |
|                                                             | \$ 221.70 |



## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

*Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.*

Jan. 1, 1906.

List of bequests left for care of lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery.  
Amount deposited in Amherst Savings Bank,

|                                   |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| S. W. Longley,                    | \$ 200.00 |           |
| Lyman Sabin,                      | 100.00    |           |
| Mrs. H. S. Bridgman,              | 100.00    |           |
| S. D. Goddard,                    | 100.00    |           |
| Irene Chandler,                   | 100.00    |           |
| Eliza Longley,                    | 100.00    |           |
| Olive M. Adams,                   | 50.00     |           |
| Maria H. Moody,                   | 100.00    |           |
| A. J. Heath,                      | 100.00    |           |
| S. M. D. Bridgman,                | 200.00    |           |
| Balance left over from last year, | 145.46    |           |
| Appropriation at annual meeting,  | 50.00     |           |
| Interest on fund,                 | 46.46     |           |
|                                   | <hr/>     | \$ 241.92 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                       |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. S. Lane, mowing Holyoke cemetery,                             | \$ 2.50 |
| E. S. Lane, mowing Liberty cemetery,                                  | 2.50    |
| E. S. Lane, mowing Tylerville cemetery,                               | 3.00    |
| E. S. Lane, labor,                                                    | 3.25    |
| A. H. Hubbard, clearing up hedge in Mt.<br>Hope cemetery,             | 40.00   |
| A. H. Hubbard, care of town lots and avenues<br>in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 58.00   |
| A. H. Hubbard, mowing South Center cem-<br>etery,                     | 8.00    |
| A. H. Hubbard, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,                             | 5.00    |
| A. H. Hubbard, mowing West Hill & Union,                              | 5.00    |

A. H. Hubbard, mowing Blue Meadow  
cemetery,

\$ 1.00

\$ 128.25

Received for lots in Mt. Hope cemetery,

22.00

\$ 106.25

Balance in treasury,

135.67

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. LANE, } *Burial Ground*  
A. H. HUBBARD, } *Commissioners.*

The Selectmen have drawn town orders, for the Burial Ground  
Commissioners to the amount of \$ 133.78.



## Town Account.

*For the Year Ending February 15, 1906.*

|                                                                            |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid M. A. Hicks, repairs on hearse sleigh,                                | \$ 1.25  |
| F. W. Fellows, straps for hearse sleigh,                                   | 1.75     |
| Dr. Geo. F. Thomson, two visits to H. R. Reynolds,                         | 3.00     |
| Nelson Randall, services at court in Sanford and Dulon-<br>cases at depot, | 9.00     |
| E. C. Witt, services in same case,                                         | 8.00     |
| E. A. Randall, services in same case,                                      | 6.00     |
| Guy C. Allen Jr., services in same case,                                   | 8.30     |
| A. L. Pratt, services in same case,                                        | 8.40     |
| F. B. Alden, services in same case,                                        | 4.50     |
| Calvin Coolidge, damage in same cases,                                     | 1,108.88 |
| E. C. Witt, services as Selectman & Overseer of Poor,                      | 9.50     |
| Wm. E. Bridgman, services as Justice of the Peace,                         | 8.00     |
| Calvin Coolidge, legal services, R. R. crossing,                           | 159.16   |
| Dr. C. B. King, services as Auditor,                                       | 4.00     |
| Lewis H. Blackmer, printing town reports and ballots,                      | 55.10    |
| H. M. Aldrich, services as election officer twice,                         | 3.00     |
| R. F. Kenfield,     "     "     "     "     "                              | 3.00     |
| W. B. Shaw,         "     "     "     "     "                              | 3.00     |
| A. E. Pease,        "     "     "     "     once,                          | 1.50     |
| O. Shannon,        "     "     "     "     "                               | 1.50     |
| E. F. Flaherty,    "     "     "     "     "                               | 1.50     |
| E. A. Randall,     "     "     "     "     "                               | 1.50     |
| Frank E. Austin,   "     "     "     "     twice,                          | 3.00     |
| Joseph Belanger, sleigh shoe, town sleigh,                                 | 1.25     |
| Hammond & Hammond, legal advice,                                           | 29.00    |

|                                                           |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Use of Telephone and rent,                           | \$ 20.06 |
| Geo. H. B. Green, services as Moderator, town meeting,    | 5.00     |
| Merrick Whitmore, cleaning vault twice,                   | 1.00     |
| Rockwell & Churchell, license blank,                      | .30      |
| P. B. Murphy, dog license blanks,                         | 2.25     |
| F. W. Fellows, oil for fire department,                   | 1.20     |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting meat,                             | 80.25    |
| Guy C. Allen, posting warrants March meeting,             | 3.00     |
| W. B. Shaw, repairs on town pump,                         | 1.25     |
| M. S. Barton, G. A. R. Memorial day,                      | 50.00    |
| S. A. Hodgkins, repairs on fire engine,                   | .50      |
| F. A. Burnett, wood for town hall,                        | .75      |
| A. L. Pratt, legal advice & railroad fare,                | 6.11     |
| C. E. Davis, board and lettering for water tank,          | 1.50     |
| M. A. Hicks, repairing hearse,                            | 1.50     |
| D. F. Austin, setting up stove at town hall,              | .50      |
| George Kelley, lettering notices & use of team,           | 1.00     |
| D. F. Austin, repairs town pump & chemical engine,        | 27.95    |
| H. R. Reynolds, damage on highway,                        | 50.00    |
| C. R. Aldrich, one half cord of wood, town hall,          | 2.50     |
| D. K. Shumway, services as registrar,                     | 7.00     |
| Shumway & Riley, steam gauge,                             | 3.00     |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting barns and stock,                  | 60.00    |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable,                      | 14.00    |
| Wm. G. Bassett, legal services in Carroll case,           | 40.00    |
| L. H. Blackmer, 1000 letter heads and printing,           | 2.75     |
| H. D. Hoag, labor and material changing doors, town hall, | 12.00    |
| J. R. Gould, general inspection of cattle & quarantine,   | 112.41   |
| B. L. Thrasher, labor, town hall,                         | .80      |
| N. Randall, travelling expenses and postage,              | 6.40     |
| E. A. Randall, R. R. fare to Boston & Northampton,        | 5.00     |
| N. Randall, R. R. fare to Boston & Northampton,           | 5.00     |
| George B. Jackson, care of town clock & ringing bell,     | 48.00    |
| Wm Orlando, damage on account abolishing crossing,        | 250.00   |
| D. P. Clapp, Pres. Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,      | 347.84   |
| Dr. H. A. Smith, returning births,                        | 3.50     |
| M. E. Williams, services as election officer, twice,      | 3.00     |



|                                                                                                  |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid M. F. Austin, services as election officer, once,                                           | \$ 1.50     |             |
| N. Randall, for services as Selectman & Overseer<br>of Poor,                                     | 146.83      |             |
| A. C. Smith, for services as Selectman & Overseer<br>of Poor,                                    | 54.82       |             |
| E. A. Randall, services as Selectman & Overseer<br>of Poor,                                      | 101.00      |             |
| A. Bridgman, Treas., paid for returning births,                                                  | 6.50        |             |
| A. L. Pratt, searching records and expense,                                                      | 1.00        |             |
| A. L. Pratt, balance due for services as Assessor,                                               | 20.00       |             |
| M. S. Barton, services as Constable,                                                             | 4.00        |             |
| B. Freeman, driving hearse for year,                                                             | 58.00       |             |
| A. B. Shaw, for services as registrar,                                                           | 11.00       |             |
| D. K. Shumway, for services as registrar,                                                        | 4.00        |             |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement on taxes, of 1905.                                                      | 47.08       |             |
| H. F. Shaw, services as election officer, fall election,                                         | 1.50        |             |
| A. Bridgman, supplies for town hall,                                                             | 3.90        |             |
| A. Bridgman, services as clerk, registrar, recording<br>births, marriages & deaths for the year, | 90.60       |             |
| A. Bridgman, cash paid for town expense,                                                         | 6.46        |             |
| A. Bridgman, car fare, express and postage,                                                      | 17.86       |             |
| L. A. Smith, returning deaths for year,                                                          | 6.25        |             |
| W. M. Goodell, for fighting forest fire,                                                         | 4.60        |             |
| F. E. Burnett, services as janitor, town hall,                                                   | 18.00       |             |
| H. S. Pratt, for services rendered fighting fire,                                                | 26.60       |             |
| M. L. Sanford, services as election officer,                                                     | 3.00        |             |
| N. Randall, for R. R. fares, express and postage,                                                | 2.04        |             |
| A. B. Howard, forest fire warden, for fighting fire,                                             | 31.60       |             |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement on 1904 taxes,                                                          | 29.40       |             |
| D. F. Shumway, balance for collecting 1904 taxes,                                                | 50.00       |             |
| Little, Brown & Co., town supplies,                                                              | 1.50        |             |
|                                                                                                  |             | \$ 3,369.45 |
| Total expenditure,                                                                               | \$ 3,603.35 |             |

Of this amount we have received from the  
state and railroads for damages caused by the  
abolition of the grade crossing at the depot, \$ 1,371.53

We have paid from the town account, as ad-  
judged by the court, that the town should pay,

|                                                |         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| F. F. Dewey, for services as election officer, | \$ 1.50 |
| A. L. Pratt, for part pay as assessor,         | 60.00   |
| Guy C. Allen, for services as assessor,        | 87.00   |
| F. B. Alden, for services as assessor,         | 85.40   |

\$ 3,603.35

|                                      |    |          |             |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| of said damage,                      | \$ | 194.51   |             |
| In this account is also the dog tax, |    | 347.84   |             |
| And abatement of taxes amounting to  |    | 76.48    |             |
|                                      |    | <hr/>    | \$ 1,980.36 |
|                                      |    |          | <hr/>       |
|                                      |    |          | \$ 1,622.99 |
| Appropriation,                       | \$ | 1,700.00 |             |
| Ordinary town expenses,              |    | 1,622.99 |             |

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

*For Year Ensuing.*

|                              |    |          |
|------------------------------|----|----------|
| Town expenses,               | \$ | 1,600.00 |
| Pauper expenses,             |    | 1,000.00 |
| Lighting Streets,            |    | 250.00   |
| Burial Ground Commissioners, |    | 50.00    |

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| A. C. SMITH,    |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

## STATE AID REPORT.

We have paid to the old soldiers and their wives and widows, during the year, State Aid, to the amount of \$ 1,648.00  
And Military Aid, to the amount of 204.00

Total, \$ 1,852.00

Of this amount, there is due from the State, for this year's State Aid, \$ 1,648.00  
And for one month last year still due, 126.00  
For one half the Military Aid, this year, 102.00  
And for one month still due for last year, 6.00

Total amount due from the State, for State and Military Aid to date, \$ 1,882.00



## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Due from the State, for State Aid, | \$ 1,774.00 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Military Aid,            | 108.00      |
| “ “ “ “ “ Cattle Inspection,       | 86.21       |
| “ “ “ “ “ on Pauper Account,       | 133.94      |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer,        | 1,481.32    |
| Balance in hands of Collector,     | 2,234.08    |
|                                    | <hr/>       |
| Total,                             | \$ 5,817.55 |

We have drawn orders for bills approved by school committee on school accounts, amounting to, \$ 8,627.36  
( For particulars see report of school committee. )

We issued during the year, 516 town orders, amounting to, \$ 19,470.79

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 17th., 1906.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Belchertown, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit in the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass., the sum of \$ 1,481.32

D. D. HAZEN, *Auditor.*

## REPORT ON FUNDS.

## MRS. SUSAN BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                             |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1905,         | \$ 230.75 |           |
| Received April 1 1905, dividend,            | 140.00    |           |
| Received Oct. 1, 1905, dividend,            | 105.00    |           |
|                                             | <hr/>     | \$ 475.75 |
| Paid April 1, 1905, Clapp Memorial Library, | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Paid to twenty three families and persons,  | 244.85    |           |
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1906,           | 180.90    |           |
|                                             | <hr/>     | \$ 475.75 |

## WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                        |           |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1905,    | \$ 369.30 |           |
| Received Sept. 1905, income,           | 240.00    |           |
|                                        | <hr/>     | \$ 609.30 |
| Paid to seventeen families or persons, | \$ 237.00 |           |
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1906,      | 372.30    |           |
|                                        | <hr/>     | \$ 609.30 |

# Report of the Town Clerk.

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*For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1905.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |          |               |             |
|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| January, 1  | April, 3 | July, 3       | October, 3  |
| February, 6 | May, 2   | August, 5     | November, 2 |
| March, 3    | June, 4  | September, 2  | December, 4 |
| Males, 23 ; |          | Females, 15 ; | Total, 38.  |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Number of intentions recorded,       | 17 |
| Number of marriages recorded,        | 15 |
| First Marriage, Males, 13 ; Females, | 11 |
| Second Marriage, Males, 2 ; Females, | 4  |
| Youngest male married,               | 20 |
| Youngest female married,             | 17 |
| Oldest male married,                 | 54 |
| Oldest female married,               | 46 |

### DEATHS.

|             |          |              |             |
|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| January, 3  | April, 2 | July, 2      | October, 4  |
| February, 4 | May, 3   | August, 3    | November, 2 |
| March, 4    | June, 4  | September, 3 | December, 4 |

Males, 22 ; Females, 16 ; Total, 38.

Native born, 37 ; Foreign born, 1.

Number of town meetings, 3

Mortgages recorded during year, 8



## DOG LICENSE.

|                        |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 213 males, at \$ 2.00, | \$ 426.00 |           |
| 9 females, at \$ 5.00, | 45.00     |           |
|                        | <hr/>     | \$ 471.00 |

Paid the above amount (less fees) to county treasurer.

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## RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| H. A. Smith, M. D.,    | 12 |
| G. F. Thomson, M. D.,  | 5  |
| A. F. Warren, M. D.,   | 1  |
| C. B. King, M. D.,     | 3  |
| E. S. Thomson, M. D.,  | 5  |
| F. F. Dexter, M. D.,   | 3  |
| W. B. Segur, M. D.,    | 3  |
| D. B. Sullivan, M. D., | 5  |
| S. O. Miller, M. D.,   | 1  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

## Tree Warden's Report.

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Your tree Warden realizes the honor and the responsibility of the duties assigned, yet in order to carry out the purpose for which the Warden is chosen, it seems requisite that the town should make an appropriation for such specified purpose. It is evident that many of our roadside trees need trimming and otherwise cared for, and still others should be saved from the possibility of destruction by the woodsman's ax, which we are sorry to note has laid low beautiful road side trees that were a source of delight, far beyond their realized value, either for wood or lumber.

For the benefit of all concerned we desire to call attention to

### CHAPTER 53, SECTION 13, REVISED LAWS.

"Public shade trees outside the residential part of a town, as determined by the Selectmen, shall not be cut or removed, in whole or in part, except by the tree warden or his deputy or by a person holding a license so to do from the tree warden. Public shade trees within said residential part shall not be cut, except for trimming by the tree warden, nor shall they be removed by the tree warden or his deputy or other person without a public hearing at a suitable time and place after notice thereof posted in two or more public places in the town and upon the tree and after authority granted by the tree warden therefor.

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall forfeit not less than five, nor more than one hundred dollars to the use of the town."

The Warden desires to mention the uniform courtesy and willingness of the representative agents of the N. E. Telephone Co., to reset poles and in stringing the wires so as to cause as little trimming and injury to the trees as possible in the extension of their lines in Federal street and to Great Hill.

A. B. HOWARD, *Tree Warden.*



BELCHERTOWN, APRIL 17, 1905.

This is to certify that the Selectmen of Belchertown hereby designate to the tree warden A. B. Howard, and his successors in office of said town, the residential part of the town according to the revised laws of the commonwealth, chapter 53, section 13. To wit, beginning at Jabish brook in the Enfield road, thence on said road to the post office, thence on the Granby road past the depot to the fork of the road leading to Granby and Turkey Hill. Then commencing on the Ware road near the house of D. P. Spencer, following said road to south main St. Then take the Springfield road leading past Mr. Munroe Olds house to the Boston and Maine R. R. track, then take the road leading from Belchertown to Three Rivers near the house of L. D. Fosket, thence northerly on said road to south main St., up said street to the post office. Thence northerly on both sides of the park to federal street, thence on said street to the fork of the road leading to Amherst and Northampton. Then take the road near the house of E. R. Bridgman, leading past the house of A. B. Howard, to the Town Farm. Also all public roads that intersect with these or inside these limits.

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| A. C. SMITH,    |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

## Forest Fire Warden's Report.

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Agreeable to my duty as Forest Fire Warden I herewith submit my report, including in the same, the hours of labor rendered and amount paid by my associate wardens, W. M. Goodell and H. S. Pratt.

During the past year there have been four forest fires. The first, April 14, near the Middle Pond, one in Chestnut Hill district, April 27, the third on West Hill May 11, and that of Nov. 1, on lands bordering the Boston and Maine R. R. Co. and belonging to Howard and Blackmer. These several fires destroyed many hundred dollars worth of property. The B. & M. R. R. Co., paid for service fighting fire, also fire damages.

The town paid \$ 63.80, for 319 hours labor fighting fires. Of this amount, \$ 15.00 was paid for assistance rendered by men from Pelham. Your Wardens desire to recognize their timely aid and to thank them for their neighborly kindness.

Our thanks are also due to our citizens who so readily respond to the call for aid, and especially to the many citizens who so generously gave their services at the several forest fires last spring.

Recognizing the present, as well as the possible future value of our forestry, wood and sprout lands, it seems eminently needful that increased precautions be taken to insure against accidental forest fires.

For this purpose we earnestly recommend that the town adopt the provisions of section 14, chapter 53, of revised laws and the Selectmen appoint a Forester who will thus have the power relative to the protection of our wood lands from careless setting of fires.

A. B. HOWARD, *Forest Fire Warden.*



## List of Jurors.

*As revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 21, 1906.*

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Fred M. Fuller,  
Homer S. Pratt,  
Eugene Randall,  
E. A. Randall,  
H. Charles Davis,  
Alfred H. Hubbard,  
Arthur S. Jenks,  
A. C. Smith,  
Arthur Bridgman,  
Charles L. Jenks,  
A. B. Howard,  
E. R. Blackmer,  
Wm. H. Capen,  
W. L. Sanford,  
E. C. Witt,

Charles E. Davis,  
Roswell Allen,  
D. D. Hazen,  
M. F. Austin,  
Dwight F. Shumway,  
John D. Shea,  
R. S. Kenfield,  
F. W. Fellows,  
Thomas Landers,  
Charles E. Elliott,  
Myron G. Ward,  
Guy C. Allen, Jr.,  
Merrick O. Allen,  
Pearl C. Knight,  
Merrick A. Morse.





# Annual School Report.

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## School Committee.

Organization, March, 1905—March, 1906.

MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, Sec'y, - - - Term expires, March, 1906.

DR. STEPHEN W. PERRY, - - - Term expires, March, 1907.

GEO. H. B. GREEN, Chairman, - - - Term expires, March, 1908.

## Superintendent of Schools,

JOHN SANBORN.

## Truant Officers,

D. F. SHUMWAY,

THOMAS LANDERS.

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## CALENDAR, HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term will begin March 26, and close June 15.

Fall " " " Sept. 5, " " Nov. 27.

Winter " " " Dec. 3, " " Mar. 3.

Christmas Vacation, one week.

## CALENDAR, Other Schools.

Spring Term will begin April 2, and close June 15.

Fall " " " Sept. 10, " " Nov. 23.

Winter " " " Dec. 3, " " Feb. 17.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Board of the Town of Belchertown: -*

I herewith submit to you my second annual report as the Superintendent of Schools of Belchertown.

During the past year the progress in our schools has been, on the whole, satisfactory; there have been no serious absences caused by sickness; and the weather has been especially favorable for good attendance.

There have been several changes of teachers, which, for a time, has a tendency to retard the progress of our pupils, but this seems unavoidable. We should secure the best teachers possible and make it to their advantage to stay with us. No teacher can do her best work in one term of service - to have her work *felt*, she must keep the same school for a series of terms.

This year the Ward Rational Method of Reading has been adopted, and, although no system is without its defects, it is fully meeting our expectations. It is a union of the phonic, word and sentence system, and is in very general use in the towns of our state - in fact it is used in over three hundred towns and cities of Massachusetts.

Considerable attention has been given to writing, and in some schools the improvement has been marked - perhaps we may say that there has been an improvement throughout all the schools. The system is the "Medial" a slant half way between the vertical and the various old systems, which is very generally superseding the vertical. Although the vertical is a legible writing, it is not a business writing, and is decidedly lacking in individuality.

Some of our schools, namely West Hill and Lake Vale, are very small, and, if some arrangement could be made whereby the children



could be put into other schools, it would be much to their advantage.

Laurel school became so small that for the spring term it seemed best to close it and to transfer the pupils to the Center schools, but in the autumn the number had so increased that it was opened again. Now it is a school of fifteen pupils - a very good number. So it may be with West Hill and Lake Vale, though small now, families may move into those districts having children, so that it would be better to open those schools again, as was the case with Laurel.

Once more I would mention the fact that something should be done whereby another teacher might be accommodated at the Centre school. At present, pupils are expected to be prepared for the high school in seven years, and, possibly, some can be, but the majority cannot, or if they do manage to enter the high, they find the work so difficult that many get discouraged and give up. We are attempting to do here what other places are doing in eight years, and some are taking even nine to accomplish. Can we reasonably expect to do it in seven?

This year in our visits to the schools, we have tried to emphasize the importance of giving the most attention to the essentials. A large part of our pupils go no further in their studies than the Grammar grade, and some do not even complete that, and while we believe in many of the so called modern improvements in school methods and requirements, we have tried to have our teachers give their special attention to those subjects that will help the pupils the most in those every day affairs with which they will come in contact after leaving school. Our children need more mental work, more individual thinking, more self reliance. To make pupils think rapidly and accurately, especially in Arithmetic, much oral work is needed in all the grades.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude to the Board and to all who have assisted me in my labors as Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SANBORN, *Supt. of Schools.*

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 9, 1906.

## REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 15, 1906.

*To the School Committee :*

I have received during the year from the School Committee, Teachers and Supt., twelve summonses to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*



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# BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

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 PRIZE SPEAKING 

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CONG'L CHURCH, TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13, 1905, AT 8 O'CLOCK

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. . . PROGRAM. . .

MARCH "A Man Without a Country" *E. E. Hale*

ELEANOR K. POWERS

"The Swan Song" *Katherine Ritter Brooks*

PHYLLIS E. HOPKINS

"The Revolutionary Alarm" *George Bancroft*

F. RAYMOND AUSTIN

"The American Navy" *R. F. Stockton*

HARRY R. GOULD

## MUSIC

MR. DERBYSHIRE

"College Oil-Cans" *Will Victor Mc Guire*

ETHEL L. ALDEN

"The Unknown Rider" *George Lippard*

DUDLEY F. WALKER

"The Mission of a Song" *R. F. Hoffner*

GLENN E. LITTLE

## MUSIC

MR. DERBYSHIRE

"Toussaint L'Ouverture" *Wendell Phillips*

LEWIS A. DYER

"A Boy Hero" *Anon*

CHARLES F. AUSTIN

"How Tom Sawyer Whitewashed His Fence" *Mark Twain*

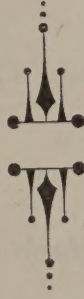
MARION E. BRIDGMAN

## MUSIC

MR. DERBYSHIRE

## DECISION OF THE JUDGES

# Belchertown High School



## GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE CLASS OF 1905



### Latin-Scientific Course

BESSIE MAE ALDEN

EDWARD LATHROP DYER

RUTH JENNIE HOPKINS

MARGARET FRANCES MORIARTY

GRACE ELLEN THAYER

### English Course

SIDNEY FRANCIS ATWOOD

WILLIAM HARRY AUSTIN

MELINA ETHEL FISHER

IRENE MAY JACKSON

MINNIE AGNES MORIARTY

HERBERT CARROLL OBER

GEORGE EDMUND WILLIAMS

### Class Honors

FIRST, BESSIE MAE ALDEN

SECOND, EDWARD LATHROP DYER

THIRD, MINNIE AGNES MORIARTY

### CLASS MOTTO:

"LABOR CONQUERS EVERYTHING"

### CLASS COLORS:

RED AND WHITE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE THE SIXTEENTH

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK



# PROGRAM

March

Prayer

Singing

"Praise Ye the Father"  
SCHOOL

Salutatory

Significance of Battle of Manila Bay  
EDWARD L. DYER

Recitation

"Nauhaught, the Indian Deacon"  
IRENE M. JACKSON

Essay

Belchertown in 1950  
MINNIE A. MORIARTY

Declamation

"Icllius"  
GEORGE E. WILLIAMS

Violin Solo

LAURA S. JONES

Essay

National Flowers  
GRACE E. THAYER

Class History

MELINA E. FISHER

# PROGRAM

Declamation

"The Old South"  
HERBERT C. OBER

Recitation

"ABRAHAM DAVENPORT"  
RUTH J. HOPKINS

Song

"Sing Me to Sleep"  
BEATRICE A. BARRETT

Essay

"The Coast Defenses of the United States"  
W. HARRY AUSTIN

Class Prophecy

MARGARET F. MORIARTY

Essay

"The Strenuous Life"  
SYDNEY F. ATWOOD

Essay and Valedictory

Class Motto  
BESSIE M. ALDEN

Presentation of Diplomas

SUPT. JOHN SANBORN

Singing

"Anchored"  
SCHOOL

Veazie

## SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1905,        | \$ 2,627.38        |
| Appropriation, March 1905,                | 6,000.00           |
| Received from State School Fund,          | 1,050.85           |
| Received from State Superintendency Fund, | 900.00             |
| Received for State wards,                 | 482.50             |
| Received from Bridgman High School Fund,  | 242.40             |
| Received from Ludlow, tuition,            | 9.25               |
| Received From Am. Ex. Co., Fire loss,     | 4.00               |
|                                           | <hr/> \$ 11,316.38 |

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                       |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Teachers' wages from Treasury,                                        | \$ 5,368.16        |
| Teachers' wages from C. Bridgman Fund,                                | 186.84             |
| School Supervision,                                                   | 1,257.10           |
| Books and supplies,                                                   | 480.14             |
| Fuel,                                                                 | 288.95             |
| Janitors,                                                             | 203.00             |
| Miscellaneous expenses,                                               | 109.34             |
| Transportation of pupils,                                             | 55.00              |
| Unexpended balance of Bridgman Fund,                                  | 55.56              |
| "        "        in treasury,                                        | 3,312.29           |
|                                                                       | <hr/> \$ 11,316.38 |
| It is estimated that there are unpaid bills, amount-<br>ing to about  | \$ 375.00          |
| If so the true balance available for next year's<br>expenses will be, | \$ 2,937.29        |

## TOWN ACCOUNT.

## Building and Repairs.

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation for Center closets,  | \$ 350.00       |
| "        "        general repairs, | 400.00          |
| "        overdrawn,                | 115.67          |
|                                    | <hr/> \$ 865.67 |



## EXPENDITURES.

|                                  |           |                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Sturtevant & Coleman, closets,   | \$ 284.00 |                  |
| “ “ “ primary closets,           | 46.94     |                  |
| Geo. Kelley, painting 4 closets, | 17.00     |                  |
| Repairs at Franklin school,      | 136.93    |                  |
| “ “ Holyoke “                    | 90.23     |                  |
| “ “ Chestnut Hill school,        | 44.91     |                  |
| “ “ Center school,               | 49.88     |                  |
| Dr. Perry, general repairs,      | 119.72    |                  |
| Mrs. Longley, “ “                | 14.47     |                  |
| G. H. B. Green, “ “              | 61.69     |                  |
|                                  |           | <u>\$ 865.67</u> |

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

|                                     |          |                 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1905. |          | \$ 85.00        |
| Paid Frank Austin,                  | \$ 55.00 |                 |
| Unexpended balance,                 | 30.00    |                 |
|                                     |          | <u>\$ 85.00</u> |

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## DETAILED STATEMENTS.

## TEACHERS' WAGES.

|                 |                      | Weeks. |              |            |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------|--------------|------------|
| High School,    | C. L. Judkins,       | 36     | \$ 27.77 7-9 | \$ 1000.00 |
| “ “             | Gertrude Fisher,     | 12     | 10.00        | 120.00     |
| “ “             | Ida St. George,      | 24     | 15.00        | 360.00     |
| Center Grammar, | Ida L. Shaw,         | 11     | 10.00        | 110.00     |
| “ “             | Florence E. Johnson, | 11     | 9.00         | 99.00      |
| “ “             | Florence E. Johnson, | 11     | 10.00        | 110.00     |
| “ Int.,         | Marion E. Bartlett,  | 33     | 10.00        | 330.00     |
| “ Primary,      | Mrs. Sara Ross,      | 33     | 10.00        | 330.00     |
| Cold Spring,    | Bridget Fitzgerald,  | 11     | 6.00         | 66.00      |
| “ “             | “ “                  | 11     | 6.50         | 71.50      |
| “ “             | “ “                  | 11     |              |            |
| Franklin Gram., | Nellie G. Shea,      | 33     | 7.00         | 231.00     |

|                                |                          |       |           |             |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| Franklin Prim.,                | S. Belle Snow,           | 22    | \$ 8.00   | \$ 176.00   |
| “ “                            | “ “ “                    | 11    | 9.00      | 99.00       |
| Liberty,                       | Nellie Sullivan,         | 11    | 8.00      | 88.00       |
| “                              | “ “                      | 11    | 9.00      | 99.00       |
| “                              | “ “                      | 11    |           |             |
| Washington,                    | Eva L. Ward,             | 11    | 5.00      | 55.00       |
| “                              | Bessie M. Alden,         | 11    | 5.00      | 55.00       |
| “                              | “ “ “                    | 11    |           |             |
| Rock Rimmon,                   | Julia B. Smith,          | 1     | 6.00      | 6.00        |
| “ “                            | “ “ “                    | 10    | 6.75      | 67.50       |
| “ “                            | May McGauley,            | 7 2-5 | 7.00      | 51.80       |
| “ “                            | Ruby F. Knight,          | 2 3-5 | 7.00      | 18.20       |
| “ “                            | Edith L. Towne,          | 12    | 7.50      | 90.00       |
| Chestnut Hill,                 | Mary G. Ryan,            | 11    | 8.00      | 88.00       |
| “ “                            | “ “ “                    | 22    | 9.00      | 198.00      |
| Holyoke,                       | Freda Duplessis,         | 10    | 7.50      | 75.00       |
| “                              | “ “                      | 11    | 7.81 9-11 | 86.00       |
| “                              | Arthur E. Pease,         | 12    | 8.00      | 96.00       |
| Federal,                       | Elsie F. Brown,          | 10    | 7.00      | 70.00       |
| “                              | Grace De Hammond,        | 16    | 7.00      | 112.00      |
| “                              | Freda Duplessis,         | 6     | 7.83 1-3  | 47.00       |
| Lake Vale,                     | Lucy A. Randolph,        | 11    | 5.00      | 55.00       |
| “ “                            | Minnie Moriaty,          | 21    | 5.00      | 105.00      |
| Union,                         | Rose McEvilly,           | 11    | 7.50      | 82.50       |
| “                              | “ “                      | 22    | 8.00      | 176.00      |
| West Hill,                     | Bertha M. Peeso,         | 11    | 5.00      | 55.00       |
| “ “                            | May F. Carmody,          | 21    | 5.00      | 105.00      |
| East Hill,                     | Euler B. Lane,           | 11    | 7.00      | 77.00       |
| “ “                            | Harriet Thompson,        | 18    | 7.00      | 126.00      |
| “ “                            | “ “ “                    | 3     |           |             |
| Laurel,                        | Grace M. Thayer,         | 15    | 5.00      | 75.00       |
| “                              | “ “ “                    | 7     |           |             |
| Blue Meadow,                   | Libbie Gutberlet,        | 32    | 8.00      | 256.00      |
| Center,                        | Miss Duplessis, drawing, | 25    | 1.50      | 37.50       |
|                                |                          |       |           | <hr/>       |
|                                |                          |       |           | \$ 5,555.00 |
| Paid from Bridgman H. S. Fund, |                          |       |           | 186.84      |
|                                |                          |       |           | <hr/>       |
| Cost from Town Treasury,       |                          |       |           | \$ 5,368.16 |



## JANITORS.

|                                     |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| D. F. Shumway, Center, ( old bill ) | \$ 50.00 |           |
| “ “ “ “                             | 125.00   |           |
| Paid in other schools,              | 28.00    |           |
|                                     | <hr/>    | \$ 203.00 |

## COST OF FUEL.

|                           |          |           |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Town of Belchertown,      | \$ 35.00 |           |
| Pratt Brothers,           | 57.25    |           |
| A. L. Kimball,            | 34.50    |           |
| Geo. H. B. & C. R. Green, | 20.00    |           |
| Thomas Sullivan,          | 18.00    |           |
| James Mansfield,          | 14.50    |           |
| J. F. Moriarty,           | 10.00    |           |
| M. W. Bardwell,           | 13.25    |           |
| Roswell Allen,            | 13.50    |           |
| Geo. S. Warner,           | 14.50    |           |
| Sanford & Stebbins,       | 11.20    |           |
| C. R. Aldrich,            | 30.00    |           |
| D. F. Shumway,            | 6.25     |           |
| Ama Legrand,              | 6.00     |           |
| Peter Hanifin, old bill,  | 5.00     |           |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$ 288.95 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                        |          |  |
|------------------------|----------|--|
| A. H. Bartlett,        | \$ 20.76 |  |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., | 71.10    |  |
| E. E. Babb & Co.,      | 89.48    |  |
| G. & C. Merriam Co.,   | 26.00    |  |
| L. J. Hammett Co.,     | 30.00    |  |
| Ginn & Co.,            | 135.92   |  |
| D. C. Heathe & Co.,    | 33.35    |  |
| Thompson, Brown & Co., | 10.42    |  |
| Whitehall Tattam Co.,  | 15.26    |  |
| Knox Apparatus Co.,    | 16.44    |  |

|                          |         |           |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| American Book Co.,       | \$ 7.08 |           |
| Mrs. A. L. Blackmer,     | 4.90    |           |
| C. L. Judkins,           | 4.49    |           |
| J. B. Lippincott,        | 4.20    |           |
| Oliver Ditson,           | 2.95    |           |
| B. H. Sanborn,           | 2.46    |           |
| D. L. Hazen,             | 2.45    |           |
| Lothrop & Shepherd,      | 1.48    |           |
| Houghton, Mifflin & Co., | 1.40    |           |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$ 480.14 |

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#### COST OF SUPERVISION.

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, salary,     | \$ 55.00 |            |
| Dr. Stephen W. Perry,           “     | 19.50    |            |
| Geo. H. B. Green,               “     | 75.60    |            |
| John Sanborn, Supt.           “       | 1,080.00 |            |
| D. F. Shumway, truant officer salary, | 20.00    |            |
| Thomas Landers   “       “       “    | 7.00     |            |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$1,257.10 |

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#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                       |         |          |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Prize speaking, rental of church,     | \$ 3.75 |          |
| Expenses of judges,                   | 6.26    |          |
| Music,                                | 5.00    |          |
| Programs, telephone, express,         | 7.70    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$ 22.71 |
| Graduation, rental of church,         | \$ 3.75 |          |
| Diplomas and ribbon,                  | 14.64   |          |
| Music,                                | 8.04    |          |
| Programs, telephone, express,         | 7.01    |          |
|                                       | <hr/>   | \$ 33.44 |
| Freight, express and cartage,         | 24.53   |          |
| Postage, telephone, R. R. fare, etc., | 13.09   |          |
| Taking school census,                 | 6.00    |          |
| Sanitary work,                        | 2.00    |          |



|                                     |       |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Balance on piano,                   | 2.32  |             |
| Sundries,                           | 5.25  |             |
|                                     | <hr/> | \$ 109.34   |
| Transportation of pupils,           |       | 55.00       |
|                                     |       | <hr/>       |
| Total charged school account,       |       | \$ 7,761.69 |
| Total charged town account,         |       | 865.67      |
|                                     |       | <hr/>       |
| Total approved by school committee, |       | \$ 8,627.36 |

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### SCHOOL STATISTICS.

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils enrolled,      | 498 |
| “ “ “ between 5 and 15,         | 439 |
| “ “ “ “ 7 and 14,               | 331 |
| “ “ “ under 5,                  | 13  |
| “ “ “ over 15,                  | 52  |
| Perfect in attendance one year, | 17  |
| “ “ “ two terms,                | 33  |
| “ “ “ one term,                 | 84  |

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### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools in 1906.

|                                                                                                                                                                           |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| To include teachers' wages, cost of fuel, books<br>and supplies, salary of school committee,<br>superintendent, truant officers, janitors,<br>and miscellaneous expenses, | \$ 5,500.00 |             |
| For general repairs,                                                                                                                                                      | 400.00      |             |
| For transportation of pupils,                                                                                                                                             | 70.00       |             |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | <hr/>       | \$ 5,970.00 |

|                      |   |                                        |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------------|
| MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, | } | School Committee<br>of<br>Belchertown. |
| GEO. H. B. GREEN,    |   |                                        |

# SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole Number. | No. enrolled. | No. under 5. | No. over 15. | No. between 5 and 15. | No. between 7 and 14. | Spring.     |             | Fall.       |             | Winter.     |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |               |               |              |              |                       |                       | Membersh p. | Attendance. | Membersh p. | Attendance. | Membersh p. | Attendance. |
| High. . . . .                | 84            | 69            | 0            | 44           | 25                    | 7                     | 65          | 61          | 66          | 62          | 62          | 57          |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 43            | 26            | 0            | 4            | 22                    | 15                    | 21          | 19          | 28          | 27          | 30          | 28          |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 46            | 30            | 0            | 0            | 30                    | 28                    | 28          | 27          | 28          | 28          | 27          | 26          |
| Center Primary. . . . .      | 50            | 47            | 0            | 0            | 47                    | 38                    | 37          | 35          | 23          | 38          | 25          | 21          |
| Cold Spring. . . . .         | 21            | 16            | 1            | 0            | 20                    | 16                    | 18          | 17          | 14          | 14          | 13          | 13          |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 20            | 15            | 0            | 0            | 13                    | 13                    | 14          | 14          | 12          | 11          | 11          | 10          |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 52            | 50            | 5            | 0            | 45                    | 30                    | 37          | 33          | 41          | 38          | 36          | 32          |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 48            | 43            | 0            | 0            | 43                    | 27                    | 36          | 35          | 34          | 32          | 32          | 28          |
| Washington. . . . .          | 19            | 18            | 0            | 0            | 18                    | 14                    | 14          | 12          | 13          | 12          | 12          | 10          |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        | 23            | 22            | 1            | 0            | 21                    | 17                    | 18          | 16          | 21          | 19          | 17          | 15          |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 25            | 24            | 1            | 1            | 22                    | 22                    | 22          | 20          | 23          | 21          | 24          | 22          |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 25            | 25            | 1            | 0            | 24                    | 17                    | 25          | 23          | 24          | 22          | 23          | 20          |
| Federal . . . . .            | 30            | 24            | 2            | 0            | 22                    | 19                    | 18          | 16          | 20          | 19          | 18          | 17          |
| Lake Vale. . . . .           | 12            | 11            | 0            | 0            | 12                    | 9                     | 10          | 9           | 9           | 8           | 6           | 5           |
| Union. . . . .               | 29            | 25            | 1            | 0            | 24                    | 15                    | 22          | 21          | 20          | 19          | 20          | 18          |
| West Hill . . . . .          | 16            | 15            | 1            | 2            | 13                    | 11                    | 12          | 10          | 7           | 5           | 4           | 3           |
| East Hill. . . . .           | 13            | 11            | 0            | 0            | 12                    | 11                    | 10          | 9           | 9           | 9           | 10          | 9           |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 15            | 11            | 0            | 1            | 10                    | 10                    |             |             | 12          | 11          | 14          | 12          |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 16            | 16            | 0            | 0            | 16                    | 12                    | 15          | 14          | 12          | 12          | 10          | 9           |
|                              | 587           | 498           | 13           | 52           | 439                   | 331                   | 422         | 391         | 416         | 407         | 394         | 355         |



# Roll of Honor.

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PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE SIX YEARS.

Everett Geer.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FIVE YEARS.

Florence Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Ruth Jackson.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Anna Coleman.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Esther Jackson,

Marie Davis,

Fred Fillmore,

Henry Martin,

May Bardwell,

Maggie Brown,

John Sullivan,

Grace Little,

Henry Cooley,

John Rys,

Cora Rys,

James Brown,

Albert Brown.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Dorothy Thomson,

Lucy Warner,

Doris Spellman,

Clark Spellman,

Alice Hanifin,

Ruth Hanifin,

Beatrice Squires,

Hazel Barrett,

Dwight L. Moody,

Francis Carew,

Harry Paul,

Maud La Crosse,

Thomas Hanifin,  
 Helen Keyes,  
 William Keyes,  
 Waring Randall,  
 Carlton White,  
 Maria Baggs,  
 Grace Archambault,  
 Stella Pedigree,  
 Florence Morse,  
 Minnie Stadler,

May Sullivan,  
 Stane Rys,  
 Patrick Shea,  
 Lizzie Shea,  
 Herbert Canterbury,  
 Theron Pratt,  
 Irvin Pratt,  
 Raymond Bowler,  
 Clifford Geer,  
 Herbert Geer,

Mary Austin.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Philip Sanford,  
 Michael Bowler,  
 Marion E. Bridgman,  
 Edna S. Burgin,  
 Julia O'Conner,  
 Ella Moriarty,  
 Myrtle Keezar,  
 Kitchel Adkins,  
 Florence Alden,  
 Emma Blackmer,  
 Celia Blackmer,  
 Edward Sneider,  
 Walter Campbell,  
 Guy Mellen,  
 Charles Fillmore,  
 Harry Fillmore,  
 Carl Whitcomb,  
 Ernest Black,  
 Roscoe Nantz,  
 Arthur Sheldon,  
 Maggie Austin,  
 Cora Randolph,  
 Mabel Barnes,  
 Minnie Barnes,  
 Lina Wludyka,

Paul Squires,  
 George Clifford,  
 Lucy Barnes,  
 Edna Boyce,  
 Hazel Judkins,  
 Sadie Ann,  
 Burt Clifford,  
 John Jackson,  
 Fred Damon,  
 Raymond Baggs,  
 Howard Moore,  
 Lucy Hanifin,  
 Orvin Davis,  
 Charlotte Little,  
 Edna Damon,  
 Helen Moody,  
 George Forrest,  
 Jean Forrest,  
 Mary Manning,  
 Eddie Rys,  
 Maggie Shea,  
 May LaCrosse,  
 John Keyes,  
 John Landers,  
 Marion Sturtevant,



Flora Wludyka,  
Lillian Austin,  
Patrick Mc Donnell,  
John Mc Vey,  
Beatrice Bolter,  
Geraldine Shea,  
Gertrude Shea,  
Mary Wludyka,  
Lizzie C. Shea,  
Emma Martin,  
Edna Doolittle,  
Bessie Archambault,  
Edith Capen,  
George Le Grand,  
Phyllis Le Grand,  
Thomas Brown,  
Alfred Squires,

Harold Alden,  
Michael Cavanaugh,  
Sidney White,  
Hazel Gay,  
Ruth Eaton,  
Bertha Eaton,  
Eva Crafts,  
Francis Young,  
Maude Austin,  
Florence Rhodes,  
Luella Bardwell,  
Florence Clough,  
Daniel Coleman,  
Harold Booth,  
Eda Stadler,  
Robert Perkins,  
George Foley.

# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To one of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the fifth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To Choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner, for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for two years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, vote "yes" or "no," all on one ballot, in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: One Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of



Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, for the purchase of school books and other supplies, for salaries of School Committee and Superintendent, and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repair of schoolhouses.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray town expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray pauper expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges, and to take such action on said repairs as the town may deem best.

ART. 10. To raise money to defray the expense of lighting the streets, for the year ensuing. Also to hear the report of the Selectmen who were appointed a committee to make investigations for better lighting of our streets and act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred eighty dollars, as part payment on account of change of grade crossing at R. R. station on Granby road.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several town burying grounds.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of its tax collector for collecting its taxes for 1906.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 16. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of the town house.

ART. 17. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock, for the year ensuing.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three, to be known as the committee on appropriations, who shall carefully investigate and report to the next annual meeting, the amounts needed in the several departments to be expended the year ensuing.



ART. 19. To hear the report of the Committee appointed at a special town meeting Nov. 7, 1905, (to make investigations concerning a water supply for the whole village,) together with any recommendations the committee have to make, and act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars, for the use of Post 97, of the Grand Army, for Memorial Day exercises.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to accept of section 14, of chapter 53, of the Revised Laws, whereby the Selectmen shall annually appoint a Forester, to have charge of all trees excepting public shade trees within the limits of a highway.

ART. 22. To see if the town will fix the price per meeting, of its Election Officers and act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden, for care of shade trees and act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will fix the compensation per hour, for those employed by the Forest Fire Wards to extinguish fires.

ART. 25. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 26. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

ART. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational Church, one on the Baptist Church, one at the depot at Dwight and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of February,  
A. D. 1906.

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } <i>Selectmen</i>    |
| A. C. SMITH,    |                       |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |                       |
|                 | } <i>of</i>           |
|                 | } <i>Belchertown.</i> |











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**I**T again becomes the duty of the Selectmen to give to the people, a report of the financial condition of the town. This we have endeavored to do, and the following pages will show the gain or loss in each department, above or below the appropriation.

We would especially commend to the consideration of our successors, the very favorable condition of affairs at the Town Farm. With an expenditure in excess of receipts of only \$ 236.79, in contrast with the report of 1904, ( the first year of the present warden's service, ) of \$ 927.61, gives the tax payers reason to believe that in the near future, the farm may become self-supporting, which belief is shared by the present board of overseers.





## Assessors' Report.

|                                              |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Value of assessed real estate May 1st, 1906, | \$ 734,870.00 |
| Value of assessed personal estate,           | 129,940.00    |
|                                              | \$ 864,810.00 |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$ 14.30 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$ 10,508.64 |
| Tax on personal estate, | 1,858.14     |
| Tax on 530 polls,       | 1,060.00     |
|                         | \$ 13,426.78 |

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS :

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$ 10,830.00 |
| State tax,                          | 1,015.00     |
| County tax,                         | 1,236.12     |
| State highway tax,                  | 68.50        |
| Overlaying,                         | 277.16       |
|                                     | \$ 13,426.78 |

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Residents assessed on property,     | 430    |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 160    |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 190    |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,945 |
| Horses,                             | 551    |
| Cows,                               | 1,480  |
| Neat cattle, other than cows,       | 376    |
| Sheep,                              | 14     |
| Swine,                              | 109    |
| Fowls,                              | 2,495  |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 503    |

|                    |   |                                 |
|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR., | } | Assessors<br>of<br>Belchertown. |
| A. L. PRATT,       |   |                                 |
| F. B. ALDEN,       |   |                                 |

## Collector's Report.

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Amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors'  
warrant, dated Aug. 23, 1906,

\$ 13,426.78

He has collected and paid to the Treasurer,

11,691.63

Balance to be collected,

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\$ 1,735.15

A. E. PEASE. *Collector.*



## Treasurer's Report.

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1906.

*Dr.*

|       |    |                                           |             |
|-------|----|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Feb.  | 15 | Balance due on settlement,                | \$ 1,481.32 |
|       | 19 | Cash of Martin Crowe, use of Town Hall,   | 1.00        |
|       | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 60.00       |
|       | 28 | State Treasurer, support of sick paupers, | 41.00       |
|       | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 117.66      |
| March | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                            | 40.62       |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                            | 87.00       |
|       | 5  | B. Freeman, Town Farm for milk,           | 34.25       |
|       | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                            | 70.00       |
|       | 6  | B. Freeman, board of Lewis Stowell,       | 11.76       |
|       | 10 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 50.00       |
|       | 15 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                   | 2,000.00    |
|       | 17 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 145.76      |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 21.05       |
|       | 31 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 169.65      |
| April | 2  | John A. Crosier, fines in District Court, | 11.63       |
|       | 3  | Town Farm, for milk,                      | 60.75       |
|       | 4  | Town of Ludlow, account of schools,       | 23.50       |
|       | 5  | State Treasurer, support of sick pauper,  | 60.83       |
|       | 7  | D. F. Shumway,                            | 92.50       |
|       | 10 | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,       | 2.00        |
|       | 14 | Town Farm, for milk,                      | 14.50       |
|       | 14 | D. F. Shumway,                            | 193.00      |
|       | 16 | Town Farm, for milk,                      | 16.75       |
|       | 17 | L. A. Smith, from estate of Anna Bush,    | 6.00        |

|       |    |                                                  |          |
|-------|----|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| April | 21 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                           | \$ 77.00 |
|       | 23 | Samuel Stevenson, lot in cemetery,               | 20.00    |
|       | 23 | Town Farm, for milk,                             | 21.50    |
|       | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 291.68   |
| May   | 1  | C. H. Snow, liquor license,                      | 1.00     |
|       | 3  | Town Farm, for milk,                             | 26.25    |
|       | 3  | Henry Jepson, butcher's license,                 | 1.00     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 60.91    |
|       | 9  | Herbert D. Paine, butcher's license,             | 1.00     |
|       | 9  | Ira Damon, butcher's license,                    | 1.00     |
|       | 9  | John Stadler, butcher's license,                 | 1.00     |
|       | 12 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 46.00    |
|       | 14 | Town Farm, for milk,                             | 46.66    |
|       | 19 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 60.00    |
|       | 31 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                          | 3,000.00 |
|       | 31 | Town Farm for milk,                              | 51.95    |
| June  | 1  | North Adams,                                     | 4.26     |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 36.43    |
|       | 13 | Town Farm for milk,                              | 43.68    |
|       | 16 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 34.20    |
|       | 18 | Town Farm, board of Lewis Stowell,               | 39.09    |
|       | 22 | Town Farm for milk,                              | 21.36    |
|       | 25 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 15.25    |
|       | 26 | Town Farm, board of Lewis Stowell,               | 20.00    |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                          | 2,000.00 |
|       | 30 | Estate of Nancy Graves, care of<br>cemetery lot, | 100.00   |
|       | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 32.50    |
| July  | 2  | John A. Crosier, fines in District Court,        | 14.00    |
|       | 6  | William Fisher, for lot in Mt. Hope<br>cemetery, | 20.00    |
|       | 9  | Town Farm, board of Lewis Stowell,               | 20.00    |
|       | 11 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 21.50    |
|       | 12 | Town Farm for milk,                              | 61.92    |
|       | 21 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 57.96    |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 36.50    |
|       | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                   | 13.27    |



|       |    |                                                        |           |
|-------|----|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Aug.  | 2  | Cash of Town of Hardwick,                              | \$ 141.25 |
|       | 8  | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 28.28     |
|       | 13 | Town Farm for milk,                                    | 74.65     |
|       | 18 | State Treasurer, tuition of children,                  | 435.00    |
|       | 18 | State treasury, compensation of inspection of animals, | 95.76     |
|       | 18 | Town Farm for milk,                                    | 23.56     |
|       | 25 | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 19.00     |
| Sept. | 1  | A. E. Pease,                                           | 149.21    |
|       | 8  | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 51.00     |
|       | 10 | A. E. Pease,                                           | 267.21    |
|       | 13 | Town Farm for milk,                                    | 6.25      |
|       | 15 | Amherst Bank, 3 months,                                | 2,000.00  |
|       | 20 | A. E. Pease,                                           | 248.55    |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 9.25      |
|       | 28 | A. E. Pease,                                           | 838.55    |
|       | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 31.35     |
|       | 1  | A. E. Pease,                                           | 187.09    |
|       | 4  | Kittie Spellman, lot in cemetery,                      | 20.00     |
| Oct.  | 4  | John A. Crosier, fines in District Court,              | 4.24      |
|       | 6  | A. E. Pease,                                           | 413.07    |
|       | 8  | A. E. Pease,                                           | 133.70    |
|       | 13 | B. Freeman, for team work,                             | 56.00     |
|       | 13 | B. Freeman, for milk,                                  | 20.46     |
|       | 23 | A. E. Pease,                                           | 706.87    |
|       | 31 | Amherst Bank, 3 months,                                | 1,000.00  |
|       | 31 | A. E. Pease,                                           | 343.67    |
|       | 31 | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 9.00      |
| Nov.  | 3  | A. E. Pease,                                           | 570.88    |
|       | 3  | Town Farm,                                             | 13.32     |
|       | 3  | Town Farm, for milk,                                   | 49.31     |
|       | 7  | D. F. Shumway,                                         | 38.55     |
|       | 7  | A. E. Pease,                                           | 245.35    |
|       | 8  | Town Farm, for wood,                                   | 74.22     |
|       | 15 | Corporation tax,                                       | 58.92     |
|       | 15 | National Bank tax,                                     | 238.49    |
|       | 15 | Military aid,                                          | 96.00     |

|      |    |                                               |             |
|------|----|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Nov. | 15 | Cash of State aid,                            | \$ 1,630.00 |
|      | 19 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 628.61      |
| Dec. | 1  | Fred E. Higgins, butcher's license,           | 1.00        |
|      | 1  | A. E. Pease,                                  | 1,225.00    |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                | 18.85       |
|      | 3  | Amherst Bank, 2 months,                       | 1,000.00    |
|      | 3  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                      | 39.87       |
|      | 5  | A. E. Pease,                                  | 184.64      |
|      | 8  | A. E. Pease,                                  | 223.23      |
|      | 10 | D. F. Shumway,                                | 45.00       |
|      | 14 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 658.00      |
|      | 15 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 985.00      |
|      | 15 | Amherst Bank, 2 months,                       | 1,000.00    |
|      | 18 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 857.00      |
|      | 19 | Town Farm, for wood,                          | 33.00       |
|      | 20 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 235.00      |
|      | 29 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 496.00      |
|      | 31 | Amherst Bank, 45 days,                        | 1,000.00    |
|      | 31 | Town Farm, for wood,                          | 15.00       |
|      | 31 | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                      | 45.06       |
| 1907 |    |                                               |             |
| Jan. | 2  | John A. Crosier, fines in District Court,     | 10.00       |
|      | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                                | 35.29       |
|      | 3  | Town Farm, for veal,                          | 20.00       |
|      | 3  | Town Farm, use of hearse,                     | 5.00        |
|      | 7  | A. E. Pease,                                  | 575.00      |
|      | 11 | County Treasurer, dog fund,                   | 309.65      |
|      | 15 | G. H. B. Green, for school books,             | .50         |
|      | 25 | State Treasurer, income Mass. school<br>fund, | 995.62      |
|      | 25 | A. E. Pease,                                  | 585.00      |
|      | 31 | Amherst Bank, 3 months,                       | 2,000.00    |
| Feb. | 1  | Town Farm,                                    | 40.22       |
|      | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                      | 52.33       |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                | 48.71       |
|      | 2  | Felix Noel, butcher's license,                | 1.00        |
|      | 9  | Emma Clifford, overpaid on teaching,          | 5.00        |



|      |    |                                          |              |
|------|----|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Feb. | 9  | Cash of A. E. Pease,                     | \$ 545.00    |
|      | 12 | D. F. Shumway,                           | 71.36        |
|      | 12 | G. H. B. Green, account of School Supt., | 900.00       |
|      | 13 | Amherst Bank, 3 months,                  | 2,000.00     |
|      | 15 | M. D. S. Longley, for books,             | 1.10         |
|      | 15 | B. Freeman, driving hearse,              | 76.00        |
|      | 15 | A. E. Pease,                             | 390.00       |
|      |    |                                          | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                                          | \$ 38,796.45 |

|       |    |                                                    |          |
|-------|----|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1906. |    | <i>Cr.</i>                                         |          |
| Mar.  | 15 | Cash paid Discount on note at Amherst Bank,        | \$ 45.00 |
| Apr.  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,          | 11.63    |
| May   | 14 | State Treasurer, account of liquor license,        | .25      |
|       | 31 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                  | 67.50    |
| June  | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,          | 6.25     |
|       | 30 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                  | 50.00    |
| July  | 3  | Amherst Savings Bank, from estate of Nancy Graves, | 100.00   |
|       | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,          | 47.80    |
|       | 5  | D. H. Tillson, services in district court,         | 6.63     |
| Aug.  | 8  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,          | 4.24     |
| Sept. | 15 | Note at Amherst Bank,                              | 2,000.00 |
|       | 15 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                  | 25.00    |
|       | 21 | Dr. G. F. Thomson, returning 15 births,            | 3.75     |
| Oct.  | 1  | County Tax,                                        | 1,236.12 |
|       | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,          | 9.16     |
|       | 31 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                  | 12.50    |

|       |    |                                                     |              |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Nov.  | 2  | Cash Paid M. S. Barton, services in district court, | \$ 35.60     |
|       | 15 | State Tax,                                          | 1,015.00     |
|       | 15 | Abolition grade crossing loan fund,                 | 500.00       |
|       | 15 | Interest on " " " "                                 | 74.44        |
|       | 15 | Repairs of State Highways,                          | 68.50        |
| Dec.  | 3  | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 3,000.00     |
|       | 3  | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 9.03         |
|       | 5  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,           | 22.25        |
|       | 15 | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 2,000.00     |
|       | 15 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 8.33         |
|       | 31 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 6.25         |
|       | 31 | Note at Amherst Bank,                               | 2,000.00     |
| 1907. |    |                                                     |              |
| Jan.  | 3  | O. G. Cash, services in district court,             | 5.95         |
|       | 31 | 2 notes at Amherst Bank,                            | 2,000.00     |
|       | 31 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 25.00        |
| Feb.  | 13 | 2 notes at Amherst Bank,                            | 2,000.00     |
|       | 13 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                   | 25.00        |
|       | 15 | Dr. Thomson, returning birth,                       | .75          |
|       | 15 | 548 town orders, Selectmen,                         | 19,298.65    |
|       |    | Services as Treasurer,                              | 100.00       |
|       |    | Cash on hand,                                       | 2,975.87     |
|       |    |                                                     | <hr/>        |
|       |    |                                                     | \$ 38,796.45 |

## Notes due Amherst Bank,

|      |    |                          |                   |
|------|----|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. | 1  | 3 months for \$ 2,000.00 | Due May 1, 1907.  |
| Feb. | 14 | 3 months for 2,000.00    | Due May 14, 1907. |

A. Bridgman, *Treasurer.*



# Report of Selectmen

## ON HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

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|                                                                     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| We have paid bills of 1905 amounting to,                            | \$ 87.46 |
| We have issued orders to E. C. Witt, Supt. of streets, amounting to | 2,550.00 |
| Paid bills approved by E. C. Witt, amounting to                     | 92.80    |
| Paid 2 small bills amounting to                                     | 4.63     |
| Paid for tile,                                                      | 253.80   |
|                                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                                     | 2,988.69 |

Of the tile purchased, about \$ 40 worth has been used. The remainder is now on hand. Since closing our account we have received from former Supt. of streets J. A. Peeso, \$ 10.67, on account of 1905.

For an itemized account of highway expenses, see report of Supt. of streets.

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS TO THE SELECTMEN.

I have received in town orders from selectmen, \$2,550.00

I have received from dirt which I took from  
ditches around the common,

7.00

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\$ 2,557.00

|                                             |         |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. A. Randall, for repairs on highway, | \$ 6.45 |
| P. J. Landers,                              | 1.65    |
| E. B. Sanford,                              | 13.50   |
| A. Plouff,                                  | 4.05    |
| A. Lovett,                                  | 1.00    |
| Roderick Weston,                            | 35.10   |
| Austin Kimball,                             | 50.00   |
| William Martin,                             | 1.50    |
| William Knowlton,                           | 69.00   |
| Frank Rogers and son,                       | 63.75   |
| Gardner Blackmer,                           | .45     |
| George Warner,                              | 3.00    |
| E. F. Munsell,                              | 197.75  |
| E. R. Blackmer,                             | 67.25   |
| Leon Aldrich,                               | 86.70   |
| A. Bridgman, for spikes and shovels,        | 6.30    |
| Stanley Bridgman, for repairs,              | 9.00    |
| George Belden,                              | 20.25   |
| James Austin,                               | 60.75   |
| Daniel Hazen, for tools and tile,           | 58.82   |
| Arthur Moore,                               | 39.25   |
| W. T. Dagel,                                | 25.25   |
| Almon Pratt,                                | 15.10   |
| Leroy Aldrich,                              | 109.50  |
| C. Dickinson,                               | 4.50    |
| Frank Escott,                               | 1.50    |
| William Welch,                              | 1.20    |
| Albert Dodge,                               | 2.15    |
| Richard French,                             | 5.00    |
| William Capen, for lumber,                  | 1.75    |
| Henry Jepson, for dynamite,                 | 2.08    |
| E. L. Mills, for repairs,                   | 103.65  |
| Henry M. Lamson,                            | 8.75    |
| E. F. Shumway,                              | 4.12    |
| Herbert Hubbard,                            | 27.75   |
| Homer Pratt,                                | 23.00   |
| Ira Squires,                                | 12.00   |



|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Peter Eucavitch,            | \$ 22.25 |
| Peter Brown,                     | 21.25    |
| Eugene Dick,                     | 20.25    |
| James Powers,                    | .60      |
| S. B. Signor,                    | 3.10     |
| David Ruell,                     | 5.25     |
| Dominegue Guella,                | 3.00     |
| George Warner,                   | 68.50    |
| D. P. Spencer,                   | 27.50    |
| Patrick Doyle,                   | 9.00     |
| G. F. Thomson, for sand,         | 8.75     |
| E. R. Peeso, for plank,          | 41.23    |
| Clarence Lamson,                 | 82.75    |
| D. F. Austin, for mending pipe,  | 1.30     |
| John Flaherty,                   | 107.35   |
| C. D. Randall,                   | 1.40     |
| B. C. Davis,                     | 1.00     |
| Clarence Hubbard,                | 18.00    |
| Elmer Peeso,                     | 6.00     |
| Chas. Hunter,                    | 6.00     |
| Melvin Bardwell,                 | 12.25    |
| Henry McKillop,                  | 15.00    |
| M. A. Hicks, repairs on scraper, | 1.50     |
| H. R. Gould,                     | 2.10     |
| Horatio Marsh,                   | 70.54    |
| Harry Dodge,                     | 9.63     |
| Joseph Archambault,              | 2.50     |
| James Mansfield,                 | 3.50     |
| James Moriarty,                  | 166.25   |
| F. E. Higgins,                   | 2.00     |
| A. M. Baggs,                     | 35.50    |
| John L. Smith, scraper blade,    | 14.50    |
| Lyman Jenks,                     | 5.00     |
| Chas. Dickinson,                 | 10.50    |
| James Peeso, plank,              | 3.00     |
| W. H. Bolter,                    | 12.50    |
| Michel Cavern,                   | 8.50     |

|                                           |          |            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Paid B. Freeman,                          | \$ 22.75 |            |
| Potter & Bond, plank,                     | 28.52    |            |
| D. F. Shumway,                            | 10.00    |            |
| M. F. Austin,                             | 1.50     |            |
| Peter Garvey,                             | 6.00     |            |
| F. Noel,                                  | 4.50     |            |
| A. C. Day,                                | 11.60    |            |
| Chester Dickinson,                        | 1.20     |            |
| Clement Mayo,                             | 1.00     |            |
| W. O. Terry,                              | 2.60     |            |
| Hiram Moody,                              | 4.18     |            |
| B. L. Thrasher, mending pipe,             | 1.00     |            |
| Clayton Greene,                           | 1.00     |            |
| Wm. Bissell,                              | 22.00    |            |
| Paid for gravel, screen and castings,     | 5.55     |            |
| E. C. Witt, lumber,                       | 8.00     |            |
| E. C. Witt, man and team,                 | 418.53   |            |
| E. C. Witt, services as supt. of streets, | 35.00    |            |
|                                           | <hr/>    | \$2,557.00 |
| Of the above amount I expended on depot   |          |            |
| hill the sum of                           |          | 600.00     |
| On bridges and culverts,                  |          | 350.00     |

E. C. Witt, *Supt. of Streets.*



# Report of Overseers of Poor.

*For the Year Ending February 15, 1907.*

*At Almshouse.*

|                                           |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Home farm and buildings,                  | \$ 5,000.00 |             |
| Two wood lots,                            | 500.00      |             |
| Abbey pasture and wood lot,               | 700.00      |             |
| Total value of real estate,               | —————       | \$ 6,200.00 |
| Household furniture, beds, bedding, etc., | 195.00      |             |
| Provisions of all kinds,                  | 192.32      |             |
| Stove wood, 25 cords,                     | 125.00      |             |
| Cord wood, 37 cords,                      | 183.00      |             |
| Ice, 65 tons,                             | 75.00       |             |
|                                           | —————       | \$ 770.32   |

## LIVE STOCK.

|                          |        |             |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 3 horses,                | 425.00 |             |
| 16 cows,                 | 640.00 |             |
| 1 bull,                  | 25.00  |             |
| 2 heifers,               | 60.00  |             |
| 8 calves,                | 75.00  |             |
| 1 brood sow,             | 20.00  |             |
| 2 shoats,                | 20.00  |             |
| 80 hens and 5 cockerels, | 75.00  |             |
|                          | —————  | \$ 1,340.00 |

## HAY.

|                    |        |           |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|
| 19 tons good hay,  | 342.00 |           |
| 6 tons rowen,      | 108.00 |           |
| 6 tons meadow hay, | 54.00  |           |
| 1-2 ton rye straw, | 9.00   |           |
|                    | —————  | \$ 513.00 |

## GRAIN AND FEED

|                                |          |           |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Grain and feed on hand,        | \$ 40.20 |           |
| 205 bushels of unshelled corn, | 102.50   |           |
| 20 bushels of rye,             | 15.00    |           |
| 8 bushels of field seed corn,  | 8.00     |           |
| 5 bushels of sweet seed corn,  | 7.50     |           |
|                                | <hr/>    | \$ 173.20 |

## FARM TOOLS

|                                          |        |           |
|------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Farm tools, wagons, sleds, sleigh, etc., | 440.50 |           |
|                                          | <hr/>  | \$ 440.50 |

|                                 |           |             |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Total value of personal Estate, |           | \$ 3,237.02 |
| Gain in value over last year,   | \$ 853.66 |             |

## PAUPER IN ACCOUNT.

## Paid

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| M. A. Hicks, blacksmithing,                  | \$ 23.65 |
| E. H. Dyer, grain & feed,                    | 525.48   |
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies,                     | 30. 95   |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies,                       | 112.75   |
| W. L. Sanford, supplies,                     | 25.63    |
| F. W. Fellows, supplies,                     | 33.85    |
| J. W. Jackson, supplies,                     | 182.31   |
| A. Bridgman, supplies,                       | 79.71    |
| A. M. Baggs & Son, supplies,                 | 150.15   |
| Dodge & Woods, supplies,                     | 50.35    |
| C. H. Snow, medical supplies,                | 6.85     |
| Joseph Belanger, two horse wagon,            | 123.00   |
| R. Weston & Gould, cutting 15 1-2 cds. wood, | 15.50    |
| H. W. McIntire, horse for town farm,         | 200.00   |
| B. F. Freeman, services as warden,           | 449.98   |
| Charles Trainer, labor at town farm,         | 180.00   |
| G. W. Coleman, plastering,                   | 2.50     |
| F. E. Burnett, clipping horses,              | 5.00     |
| Roswell Allen, sawing wood for town farm,    | 12.00    |
| M. L. Sanford, fertilizer for town farm,     | 15.00    |
| B. F. Davis, labor at almshouse,             | 13.65    |



|                                               |         |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Besse Carpenter Co., clothes for Mansfield,   | \$ 9.00 |             |
| Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance,           | 3.00    |             |
| D. L. Hazen, harrow and hardware,             | 20.76   |             |
| L. A. Smith, burial outfit for K. C. Haynes,  | 18.50   |             |
| Pratt Bros., lumber for town farm,            | 2.83    |             |
| A. H. Cutting, labor at town farm,            | 20.80   |             |
| A. H. Hubbard, opening grave of K. C. Haynes, | 3.50    |             |
| E. C. Witt, phosphate, for town farm,         | 31.00   |             |
| E. A. Randall, ice for town farm,             | 3.00    |             |
| C. R. Aldrich, supplies for town farm,        | 3.00    |             |
| Dr. G. F. Thomson, medical attendance,        | 4.50    |             |
| Pratt Bros., sawing wood,                     | 6.60    |             |
| D. F. Austin, repairs at almshouse,           | 3.00    |             |
| Fuller & Dyer, supplies,                      | 7.21    |             |
| Harvey Purdy, tobacco,                        | 10.00   |             |
| E. F. Flaherty, horse shoeing,                | 4.05    |             |
| A. E. Dodge, blacksmithing and repairs,       | 17.30   |             |
|                                               | <hr/>   | \$ 2,406.36 |

#### INCOME FROM TOWN FARM.

|                                                |           |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash received for cream and milk,              | \$ 787.71 |             |
| “ “ “ board of Lewis Stowell,                  | 90.85     |             |
| “ paid treasurer for use of hearse,            | 81.00     |             |
| “ received for wood, labor, etc.,              | 251.76    |             |
| Due from the state for board of Stephen White, | 52.00     |             |
| “ for wood etc.,                               | 26.00     |             |
| Cash in hands of warden,                       | 26.59     |             |
| Gain in value of personal property,            | 853.66    |             |
|                                                | <hr/>     | \$ 2,169.57 |

|                                        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------|
| Actual expense at almshouse,           | 236.79 |
| Number inmates registered during year, | 9      |
| Number in almshouse at present,        | 5      |
| Number died during year,               | 1      |
| Number of hearse calls,                | 38     |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN.

*Town Farm Income from Feb. 15, 1906, to Feb. 15, 1907.*

|                                               |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash in hands of warden Feb. 15, 1906,        | \$ 2.00         |
| Pigs,                                         | 79.00           |
| Eggs,                                         | 36.46           |
| Calves,                                       | 23.75           |
| Skim, and other milk,                         | 61.06           |
| Team work,                                    | 50.00           |
| Work on roads,                                | 22.00           |
| Ice drawing,                                  | 3.50            |
| Cow,                                          | 40.00           |
| Potatoes,                                     | 5.90            |
| Rags and feathers,                            | 3.77            |
| Stock service,                                | 8.50            |
| Wood,                                         | 187.22          |
| Driving hearse,                               | 90.00           |
| K. C. Haynes, cash,                           | 10.00           |
| Conveying 7 Grangers to Granby,               | 1.75            |
| Lard,                                         | .65             |
| Ethel L. Andrews, boarder in warden's family, | 12.00           |
| David Jepson, pasturage,                      | 12.00           |
| Barrel apples,                                | 2.00            |
| Felix Noel, stock,                            | 63.00           |
| Lewis Stowell, board,                         | 90.85           |
| Cattle show premiums,                         | 1.75            |
| Amount,                                       | <hr/> \$ 807.16 |

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.**Town Farm Expenditures from Feb. 15, 1906, to Feb. 15, 1907.*

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Paid into treasury during year, | \$499.66 |
| Joseph Gardner, bull,           | 25.00    |
| A. C. Cutting, cow,             | 33.00    |
| Calves,                         | 13.50    |
| F. G. Shaw, use of wagon,       | .75      |
| P. T. Slauter, saw setting,     | 1.00     |



|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Pound master, care of cattle,      | \$ 3.00   |
| Washing for year,                       | 72.25     |
| Groceries, meat, fish,                  | 23.94     |
| Fruit for canning,                      | 5.20      |
| Garden plants,                          | .88       |
| Household utensils,                     | 3.60      |
| Cider making,                           | 3.33      |
| Stove fixtures, & freight on same,      | 4.10      |
| Whips,                                  | 1.00      |
| Grand Union Tea Co., supplies,          | 34.85     |
| J. B. Adkins, eggs for setting,         | 4.68      |
| Geo. W. Akers, seed potatoes,           | 10.00     |
| Buggy mat,                              | 1.25      |
| Buggy cushion,                          | 2.10      |
| Buggy repairs & oil cloth,              | 2.35      |
| Cutting & Weston, ice sawing,           | 12.75     |
| R. Weston, use of pond,                 | 1.00      |
| F. Noel, packing ice,                   | 4.50      |
| Wall paper,                             | 5.50      |
| Barber services for inmates,            | 11.40     |
| Feb. 15, 1907, cash in hands of warden, | 26.59     |
|                                         | <hr/>     |
| Amount,                                 | \$ 807.16 |

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.*

## PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

### EXPENDITURES.

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid partial support of Michael Welsh,    | \$ 28.00 |
| “ “ “ “ Thomas O'Brian,                   | 25.00    |
| Support of Chas. P. Volk,                 | 141.25   |
| G. F. Thomson, medical aid, Rieff family, | 12.00    |
| E. S. Thomson, “ “ Terrien family,        | 38.00    |
| Town of Ware, burial of Capin child,      | 13.50    |

|                                                                      |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid Nelson Randall, R. R. fare on Rieff<br>and Gero families,       | \$ 11.93  |           |
| A. E. Addis, legal services in Rieff case,                           | 10.00     |           |
| E. S. Thomson, & Shaw, disinfecting<br>Terrien house,                | 20.00     |           |
| A. M. Baggs & Son, supplies Terrien family,                          | 7.10      |           |
| E. S. Thomson, medical aid, Fitzgerald,                              | 1.50      |           |
| Medical aid and nursing of Mary Pratt,                               | 146.60    |           |
| Wm. Kennedy, supplies K. C. Haynes,                                  | 9.34      |           |
| Dr. A. H. Smith, medical aid Joseph Rys,                             | 10.00     |           |
| M. S. Barton, R. R. fare & expenses in<br>Cragge and Sullivan cases, | 8.82      |           |
| Town of Templeton, moving Stephen White,                             | 1.00      |           |
| G. F. Thomson, medical aid E. Crafts,                                | 13.50     |           |
|                                                                      | <hr/>     |           |
| Total expenditures outside of almshouse,                             | \$ 497.54 |           |
| Received from town of Hardwick for support<br>of Charles P. Voke,    | 141.25    |           |
|                                                                      | <hr/>     | \$ 356.29 |
| These amounts are due from State and other towns,                    |           |           |
| For support of Terrien family,                                       | 65.10     |           |
| For support of Joseph Rys,                                           | 10.00     |           |
| Due from town of Shutesbury for support<br>of Mary Pratt,            | 146.60    |           |
| Due from city of Chicopee, for relief of<br>J. Fitzgerald,           | 1.50      |           |
|                                                                      | <hr/>     | \$ 223.20 |
|                                                                      |           | <hr/>     |
| Actual expense of paupers outside of almshouse,                      |           | \$ 133.09 |

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| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |



## REPORT ON LIGHTING STREETS.

*Expenditures for the year.*

|                                      |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                       |          | \$ 300.00 |
| Paid W. E. Bridgman, for oil,        | .24      |           |
| F. W. Fellows, " "                   | \$ 21.96 |           |
| C. H. Snow, " "                      | 19.32    |           |
| D. L. Hazen, street lamps and oil,   | 56.82    |           |
| W. L. Laurie, burners,               | 4.75     |           |
| B. L. Thrasher, repairs,             | 1.60     |           |
| D. L. Hazen,                         | 10.13    |           |
| E. A. Atwood, lighting street lamps, | 48.00    |           |
| Rufus Pierce, " " "                  | 40.00    |           |
| Horace Adkins, " " "                 | 40.00    |           |
| Grover Snow, " " "                   | 8.00     |           |
| John Auxtunis " " "                  | 8.00     |           |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$ 258.82 |
| Less appropriation,                  |          | \$ 41.18  |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

*Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.*

Jan. 1, 1907.

List of bequests left for care of lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Amounts deposited in Amherst Savings Bank,

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| S. W. Longley,       | \$ 200.00 |
| Lyman Sabin,         | 100.00    |
| Mrs. H. S. Bridgman, | 100.00    |
| S. D. Goddard,       | 100.00    |
| Irene Chandler,      | 100.00    |
| Eliza Longley,       | 100.00    |

|                                   |          |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Mrs. Olive Adams,                 | \$ 50.00 |           |
| Maria Moody,                      | 100.00   |           |
| S. M. D. Bridgman,                | 200.00   |           |
| Alfred Heath,                     | 100.00   |           |
| Nancy Graves,                     | 100.00   |           |
| Balance left over from last year, | 135.67   |           |
| Appropriation at annual meeting,  | 50.00    |           |
| Interest on fund,                 | 48.46    |           |
| Received from sale of lots,       | 60.00    |           |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$ 294.13 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                           |       |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Paid A. H. Hubbard, mowing town lots and<br>avenues in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 50.00 |           |
| D. P. Spencer, mowing South cemetery,                                     | 8.00  |           |
| F. Randolph, mowing Blue Meadow<br>cemetery,                              | 1.00  |           |
| H. S. Pratt, mowing cemeteries,                                           | 10.00 |           |
| E. S. Lane, labor in cemeteries,                                          | 7.50  |           |
| Building tool-house in Mt. Hope cemetery,                                 | 50.50 |           |
| Building fence in Mt. Hope cemetery,                                      | 39.59 |           |
| Pratt Bros., fence posts for Holyoke<br>cemetery,                         | 5.00  |           |
|                                                                           | <hr/> | \$ 171.59 |
| Balance in treasury,                                                      |       | \$ 122.54 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                |   |                                             |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
| A. H. HUBBARD, | } | <i>Burial<br/>Ground<br/>Commissioners.</i> |
| H. S. PRATT,   |   |                                             |
| E. S. LANE,    |   |                                             |

|                                                                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| The Burial Ground Com. recommend an appropriation of                                    | \$ 50.00  |
| The Selectmen have drawn orders for the Burial Ground<br>Commissioners to the amount of | \$ 171.59 |



## Town Account.

*For the year ending Feb. 15, 1907.*

|                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid D. F. Shumway, collecting tax of 1905,        | \$ 50.00 |
| Wm. E. Bridgman, services as Justice of the Peace, | 6.00     |
| A. L. Pratt, services in testing well,             | 33.19    |
| J. W. Jackson, supplies for fire fighters,         | 4.14     |
| Harry Ward, wood for town hall,                    | 3.00     |
| A. C. Smith, services as Selectman,                | 8.50     |
| Nelson Randall, services as Selectman for 1905,    | 6.75     |
| E. A. Randall, " " " " "                           | 12.00    |
| H. H. Ward, services as register of voters,        | 10.00    |
| Wm. E. Bridgman, insurance Franklin school-house,  | 18.00    |
| F. W. Fellows, oil for fire department,            | .60      |
| G. B. Jackson, care and repairs of town clock,     | 50.35    |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting cattle,                    | 157.24   |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting meat,                      | 170.15   |
| W. B. Shaw, services as election officer,          | 1.50     |
| H. F. Shaw, " " " "                                | 1.50     |
| R. S. Kenfield, " " " "                            | 3.00     |
| H. M. Aldrich, " " " "                             | 3.00     |
| C. R. Aldrich, " " " "                             | 1.50     |
| M. G. Ward, " " " "                                | 4.50     |
| Roswell Allen, " " " "                             | 1.50     |
| F. F. Dewey, " " " "                               | 1.50     |
| E. A. Randall, " " " "                             | 1.50     |
| G. H. B. Green, services as Moderator,             | 5.00     |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing and record book,          | 4.55     |
| F. E. Burnett, services as Janitor,                | .50      |

|                                                                             |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid M. S. Barton, R. R. fare to Springfield and Boston,                    | \$ 5.67 |
| Hall & Warren, license blanks,                                              | 1.00    |
| P. B. Murphy, dog license blanks,                                           | 2.25    |
| F. B. Alden, assessors' supplies,                                           | 4.45    |
| D. D. Hazen, testing well,                                                  | 37.13   |
| D. K. Shumway, memorial appropriation,                                      | 50.00   |
| L. H. Blackmer, town order book,                                            | 7.00    |
| Hobbs & Warren, posters for fire wards,                                     | 2.89    |
| Nelson Randall, R. R. fares,                                                | 12.07   |
| N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.,                                            | 12.56   |
| M. A. Whittimore, cleaning vaults,                                          | .50     |
| D. L. Hazen, soda for fire department,                                      | 2.80    |
| Everett C. Snow, damage to team,                                            | 40.00   |
| D. F. Shumway, abatements on taxes,                                         | 88.67   |
| Benj. Freeman, wood for town house,                                         | 5.00    |
| A. L. Pratt, printing, cash paid,                                           | 3.05    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing town reports & ballots,                            | 57.15   |
| T. L. Page, team to Belchertown pond,                                       | 2.50    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing posters etc.,                                      | 3.23    |
| C. E. Elliot, damage to horse on highway,                                   | 50.00   |
| A. Bridgman, burial of Barna Smith,                                         | 35.00   |
| D. K. Shumway, services as register of voters,                              | 7.00    |
| N. Randall, services as selectman & overseer of poor,                       | 111.26  |
| M. S. Barton, services as selectman, overseer of poor,<br>and use of team,  | 111.75  |
| E. A. Randall, services as selectman, overseer of poor,<br>and use of team, | 86.00   |
| D. F. Austin, repairs on stovepipe,                                         | .70     |
| Hammond & Hammond, legal services,                                          | 7.00    |
| G. N. Cook, hauling lumber,                                                 | 1.25    |
| M. S. Barton, R. R. fare, postage etc.,                                     | 3.12    |
| T. D. Sullivan, damage on highway,                                          | 12.00   |
| A. E. Pease, part pay for collecting taxes,                                 | 50.00   |
| Dr. A. H. Smith, returning births,                                          | 2.50    |
| W. B. Shaw, repairs on town pump,                                           | 4.70    |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable,                                        | 15.20   |
| Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,                                           | 309.65  |



|                                                             |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Guy C. Allen, Jr., services as assessor,               | \$ 87.50  |
| F. B. Alden, services as assessor,                          | 80.00     |
| A. L. Pratt, services as assessor,                          | 80.00     |
| D. L. Hazen, tile,                                          | 5.40      |
| A. Bridgman, R. R. fare, express and postage,               | 15.98     |
| A. Bridgman, services as Town Clerk and Registrar,          | 100.55    |
| M. F. Sullivan, returning deaths,                           | 3.25      |
| A. Bridgman, copying records, births, marriages and deaths, | 24.87     |
| D. F. Shumway, balance for collecting 1905 tax,             | 50.00     |
| L. A. Smith, returning deaths,                              | 6.25      |
| Henry Thrasher, services at engine house,                   | 1.00      |
| Wm. E. Bridgman, services as Justice of the Peace,          | 5.30      |
| S. A. Hodgkins, services as Janitor town hall,              | 16.00     |
| A. B. Shaw, services as Registrar,                          | 11.00     |
| B. F. Freeman, 38 hearse calls,                             | 76.00     |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies for fire department,                  | 6.39      |
| Total town expenditures,                                    | 2,274.01  |
| Less abatement of taxes,                                    | 88.67     |
| Actual expenditure,                                         | 2,185.34  |
| Appropriation,                                              | 1,600.00  |
| Excess,                                                     | \$ 585.34 |

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| We have drawn orders for bills approved |                   |
| by school committee on school accounts, | \$ 8,285.53       |
| On town school account,                 | 232.11            |
|                                         | <hr/> \$ 8,517.64 |

( For particulars, see report of school committee. )

|                                                                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| We have issued during the year, 548 town orders, amounting to, | \$ 19,298.65 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                                             |            |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand and deposited in Amherst Bank,                 | \$2,975.87 |             |
| Balance due in hands of collector,                          | 1,735.15   |             |
| Due from state for burial of Barna Smith,                   | 35.00      |             |
| Due from state for state and military aid,                  | 2,467.00   |             |
| Due from state for support of Terrien family,               | 65.10      |             |
| Due from state for support of Stephen White,                | 52.00      |             |
| Due from state for support of Joseph Rys,                   | 10.00      |             |
| Due from town of Shutesbury, for support of<br>Mary Pratt,  | 146.60     |             |
| Due from city of Chicopee, for support<br>of J. Fitzgerald, | 1.50       |             |
| Due from state for inspection of cattle,                    | 78.62      |             |
|                                                             | <hr/>      | \$ 7,566.84 |

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|                                                |             |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Due the state for abolition of grade crossing, | \$ 1,500.00 |             |
| Due Amherst Bank, two notes of 2,000 each,     | 4,000.00    |             |
|                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 5,500.00 |
| Excess of resources over liabilities,          |             | \$ 2,066.84 |

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 19th, 1907.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Belchertown, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer and on deposit in the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass., the sum of \$2,975.87

D. D. HAZEN, *Auditor.*



## STATE AID REPORT.

|                                                                                               |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| We have paid to the old soldiers and their widows during the year, state aid to the amount of | \$ 1,742.00 |             |
| Military aid to the amount of                                                                 | 442.00      |             |
|                                                                                               | <hr/>       | \$ 2,184.00 |
| Of this amount there is due from the state for this year's state aid,                         | \$ 1,742.00 |             |
| For one half the military aid this year,                                                      | 221.00      |             |
| For three months last year still due,                                                         | 504.00      |             |
|                                                                                               | <hr/>       |             |
| Total amount due from the state, for state and military aid to date,                          |             | \$ 2,467.00 |

## REPORT ON FUNDS.

## MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                    |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1906, | \$ 180.90 |           |
| Received April 1, 1906, dividend,  | 140.00    |           |
| Received Oct. 1, 1906, dividend,   | 105.00    |           |
|                                    | <hr/>     | \$ 425.90 |
| Paid Clapp Memorial Library,       | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Paid aid to 24 families,           | 157.00    |           |
|                                    | <hr/>     | \$ 207.00 |
|                                    |           | <hr/>     |
| Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1907,    |           | \$ 218.90 |

## WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                   |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1906, | \$ 372.30 |           |
| Received Sept., 1906,             | 250.00    |           |
|                                   | <hr/>     | \$ 622.30 |
| Paid 42 families,                 |           | 313.90    |
|                                   |           | <hr/>     |
| Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1907,    |           | \$ 308.40 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

|                                                |             |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| For highways and bridges,                      |             |             |
| General repairs,                               | \$ 2,000.00 |             |
| From village to depot,                         | 1,500.00    |             |
|                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Street lighting,                               |             | 250.00      |
| Town account,                                  | \$ 2,000.00 |             |
| Military aid,                                  | 225.00      |             |
|                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 2,225.00 |
| Pauper account,                                |             | 500.00      |
| Cemetery account,                              |             | 50.00       |
| Railroad bridge account,                       |             | 560.00      |
| Appropriation for guide boards, not to exceed, |             | 150.00      |

|                 |   |                                             |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
| W. E. BRIDGMAN, | } | <i>Committee<br/>on<br/>Appropriations.</i> |
| A. D. RANDALL,  |   |                                             |
| L. W. DILLON,   |   |                                             |



# Report of the Town Clerk.

*For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1906.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |   |                |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|----------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 2 | April,         | 4 | July,      | 4 | October,  | 2 |
| February,   | 3 | May,           | 3 | August,    | 3 | November, | 3 |
| March,      | 2 | June,          | 3 | September, | 5 | December, | 5 |
| Males, 15 ; |   | Females, 24, ; |   | Total, 39. |   |           |   |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                                |    |
|------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of intentions recorded,                 | 21 |
| Number of marriages recorded,                  | 21 |
| First Marriage,      Males, 19 ;      Females, | 19 |
| Second Marriage,      Males, 2 ;      Females, | 2  |
| Youngest male married,                         | 19 |
| Youngest female married,                       | 16 |
| Oldest male married,                           | 66 |
| Oldest female married,                         | 57 |

### DEATHS.

|             |   |               |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 5 | April,        | 4 | July,      | 3 | October,  | 5 |
| February,   | 2 | May,          | 3 | August,    | 6 | November, | 2 |
| March,      | 4 | June,         | 3 | September, | 3 | December, | 5 |
| Males, 23 ; |   | Females, 22 ; |   | Total, 45. |   |           |   |

Native born, 40 ; Foreign born, 5.

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Number of town meetings,           | 2 |
| Mortgages recorded during year,    | 3 |
| Bill of Sales      “      “      “ | 1 |

## DOG LICENSE.

|                         |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Males, 203, at \$ 2.00, | \$ 406.00 |           |
| Females, 11, at 5.00,   | 55.00     |           |
|                         | <hr/>     | \$ 461.00 |

Paid the above amount ( less fees ) to county treasurer.

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## RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| G. F. Thomson, M. D.,  | 7  |
| F. F. Dexter, M. D.,   | 5  |
| H. A. Smith, M. D.,    | 10 |
| W. B. Segur, M. D.,    | 2  |
| E. S. Thomson, M. D.,  | 11 |
| C. B. King, M. D.,     | 1  |
| A. W. Slate, M. D.,    | 1  |
| H. C. Cheney, M. D.,   | 1  |
| E. F. Sullivan, M. D., | 1  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*



## List of Jurors.

*As revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 20, 1907.*

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Fred M. Fuller,  
Eugene Randall,  
E. A. Randall,  
C. H. Davis,  
Alfred H. Hubbard  
A. C. Smith,  
Arthur Bridgman,  
A. B. Howard,  
E. C. Witt,  
Charles E. Davis,  
D. D. Hazen,  
M. F. Austin,  
Dwight F. Shumway,  
John D. Shea,  
R. S. Kenfield,

F. W. Fellows,  
Thomas Landers,  
Charles E. Elliott,  
Merrick O. Allen,  
Merrick A. Morse,  
Eugene F. Flaherty,  
Henry R. Gould,  
Edward H. Dyer,  
A. E. Pease,  
Geo. B. Jackson,  
W. H. V. Belding,  
John Garvey,  
Myron A. Shaw,  
Lewis H. Blackmer.





# Annual Report

OF

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Organization, March, 1906—March, 1907.

|                             |   |   |                            |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| DR. STEPHEN W. PERRY,       | - | - | Term expires, March, 1907. |
| GEO. H. B. GREEN, Chairman, | - |   | Term expires, March, 1908. |
| MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, Sec'y, | - |   | Term expires, March, 1909. |

### Superintendent of Schools.

|                    |   |   |   |                               |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| JOHN SANBORN,      | - | - | - | Term expired, Sept., 1, 1906. |
| GEO. F. ELLINWOOD, | - | - | - | Term expires, Sept., 1, 1907. |

### Truant Officers,

D. F. SHUMWAY,

THOMAS LANDERS,

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### CALENDAR, HIGH SCHOOL.

|                        |           |           |                     |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Spring Term will begin | March 25, | and close | June 14.            |
| Fall                   | "         | "         | Sept. 4, " Nov. 26. |
| Winter                 | "         | "         | Dec. 2, " Feb. 28.  |

Christmas Vacation, one week.

### CALENDAR, Other Schools.

|                        |          |           |                     |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Spring Term will begin | April 1, | and close | June 14.            |
| Fall                   | "        | "         | Sept. 9, " Nov. 22. |
| Winter                 | "        | "         | Dec. 2, " _____     |

# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Belchertown :*

I have the honor of submitting the following annual report — the first of the present Superintendent, and the third of the Superintendents of Belchertown : -

## UNIFICATION OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

One of the first things brought to your Superintendent's attention was the need of greater unity in the schools. This need was seen in the use in a few schools of text-books which had long since been discarded in the majority of the schools ; in the lack of proper classification of the pupils ; in the lack of inventories, records of pupils, and a course of study ; and finally in the poor conditions existing in some schools and the excellent conditions in others.

In the brief time allotted to your Superintendent, he has been able, with your efficient assistance, to improve many of these conditions ; but the work of unification needs to be continued. It is to be granted that the character of some schools must differ from that of others, owing to conditions impossible to remedy ; but there are many things which these same schools should have in common. There should be a more definite, though not iron-clad, standard which pupils need to attain before being allowed to enter advance classes. Pupils, when misfits, become discouraged, fail to advance themselves, and hamper the work of others.



## TRANSPORTATION.

The question of transportation is an important one, though difficult to settle. In certain parts of our town, it is out of the question; in others, it is not only possible but practical.

Let me correct a wrong idea which I fear some people have, who think that to transport children always adds to the expense of the town. As an example of the facts in the case, West Hill school, the only school to be transported during the year, has cost the town less than when kept open. At least two other schools should be transported. In the case of one, it is almost impossible to secure a boarding place in the district for the teacher. Furthermore, the children, eleven in number, talk almost entirely a foreign language, and they need to mingle with English speaking children.

Let me briefly set before you some of the results from consolidation and transportation.

1. Better attendance is secured. This means that the children learn more, and that it costs the town less to educate them. In the West Hill case, where during a pleasant Fall there was poor attendance, during the severe Winter when transported there was a better attendance and a change from 36 cases of tardiness to none. .

2. Better teachers will be hired.

3. Higher standards of work.

4. Greater interest in school work, which means a more rapid advance and a broader education.

5. Better advantages, better grading, better training including music, drawing etc.

Though transportation is not legally required, yet it is being adopted more widely each year in all parts of the state. I believe the time has come when our town should follow the example set us by neighboring towns and should consider more seriously the wisdom of transportation. It might be wise in certain sections to transport children in the Fall and Spring terms and open school in the district during the winter term, thus avoiding the travel in severe weather.

By a recent decision of the court, it is not necessary to have a separate appropriation for this purpose, but the expense may come from the appropriation for the support of schools, inasmuch as often the cost of transportation does not exceed the running expenses of a school.



### SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Clapp Memorial Library Association which has so kindly loaned boxes of books to schools in the remote parts of the town. Three of the travelling "School Libraries" have been installed and during the Spring term the work will be enlarged. The following facts may be of interest:

School Library No. 1 containing 12 books, loaned to one rural school for 3 weeks, had a circulation of 31. One book was read 5 times, another 4 and another 3 times. In another school a girl in 4 weeks read 7 books from the Library. A record of books loaned and circulated is kept in the box with the books and in this way the Librarian may ascertain the correct circulation of books.

It is safe in saying that none of these children would have read library books during this period without this opportunity. Who knows but what many will have an increased interest in good reading by this means.

### MORE ROOM NEEDED.

There is a pressing need for more room at the Center Building. Another room for grade purposes is essential: but even more essential is an additional room for the High School. The town may feel proud of its High School. It is unusual to find as large a High School in a town of the size of Belchertown. Many pupils come 3, 4, and 5 miles on foot, by team, and railroad. All of this is commendable. In return for the effort made by parents and pupils to get a high school education, the most possible should be done for them. At present the High School is seriously hampered because of this lack of room.

The question is, will not the town vote to build a two-story addition to the present building, thus supplying the need for the two rooms mentioned. I have confidence in the people that they will do the right thing and will not allow the cause of education, so vital to the interests of every home and the whole community, to suffer.

I am glad to see many townspeople who believe, with your Superintendent, that it would be a wiser investment of money to build a new modern High and Grammar school building which would more nearly furnish the pupils the same advantages that children of other towns enjoy. Good buildings are both an ornament and a benefit to a town,



increasing its valuation and the respect it may command from the outside world.

We are proud of our Library building. Shall we have a similar opportunity of being proud of a School building, the center of a town's interests?

#### EYE AND EAR TESTS. SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

In compliance with the state law, Chapter 502, acts of 1906, pupils were examined as to their sight and hearing, during the Fall Term. The following summary may be of interest:

| EXAMINED IN | NO. EXAMINED | DEFECTIVES | PER CENT |
|-------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Eyesight    | 392          | 54         | 13.7     |
| Hearing     | 392          | 14         | 3.5      |

Dr. S. W. Perry, has kindly offered his services, gratuitously, as School Physician, thus enabling the town to comply with the law without extra appropriation for this purpose. This I am sure, will be much appreciated by the town.

#### MUSIC.

Your Superintendent wishes to express his own and the universal appreciation felt by the town, of the services of Mrs. C. T. Falknor, who so unselfishly has made it possible for the pupils in the Center Schools to have skilled training in music. The value of this training cannot be over-estimated. It gives added interest to the regular work, it elevates the mind and arouses aesthetic emotions which have much influence in shaping the moral character of the individual. Children have long suffered for the lack of music in the schools. This opportunity, now theirs, should ever remain so. Several of the outlying schools also have music under direction.

#### TEACHERS.

The school, properly considered, is only one form of business and should, in management, be conducted on business principles. Each

pupil costs the town so much to educate him. The town appropriates so much money for teachers. What kind of teachers can a town afford? Prof. Seelye in a recent article, states a plain truth when he says that the employment of poor teachers is a waste of public money. It is the right of every parent to demand, and of every child to have good teachers. Do not children suffer under inexperienced teachers? Does not the hiring of girls right from the High School discourage girls from going higher and preparing themselves for teaching? As to qualifications, a former State Supt. once said that they were more qualified to teach in the high school than in the rural schools. We need good teachers; trained, experienced teachers.

What shall we pay them? Certainly no more than the town can afford. But when we think of the cost of board at \$ 3.00, the necessity for teachers to clothe themselves well in the school room, the need of books, school papers etc., which every progressive teacher must have, her contribution to church and to social occasions, how can a teacher live and occupy the position in society demanded of her, on 5, 6, or 7 dollars a week? Any of these girls can secure more wages as servants anywhere. Surely a good teacher is worth more than a house-girl.

I recommend that at an early date the minimum salary of the teachers be fixed at \$ 8.00.

At the present time the town receives from the state over \$ 2000. for the schools. As an illustration of State aid, the total cost to the town for the Supt. of Schools is only \$ 180.00; the State pays the rest. And the State stands willing to increase its aid in proportion to the amount appropriated for the schools by the town.

In consideration of the above facts, and of the great needs of the public schools, I trust that the town will feel able to make a liberal appropriation for the support of its schools.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

I respectfully call your attention to the report of the High School Principal, appended to this report.

I wish to commend the efficient work of our Truant Officers, the increase of a progressive spirit in our teachers, and the decided improvement that many schools have made under enthusiastic teachers.

I gratefully acknowledge the hearty support and words of en-



couragement received from the townspeople, and appreciate most sincerely the wise counsels and the kindly cooperation given me by the members of the committee, without which, many of the things accomplished would not have been realized.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. F. ELLINWOOD, *Supt. of Schools.*

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## REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

*To G. F. Ellinwood, Supt. of Schools :*

In accordance with your request I beg leave to submit the following report of the Belchertown High School :

The registration is about the same as last year. Nearly two thirds of our pupils come a distance too great to permit of their going to their homes at noon. This fact indicates that these children, with the help of their parents are striving with noble energy for an education.

This arouses us to feel that we should give to them the best training possible—a training such as will better enable them to live, which will better enable them to be a credit to themselves and to Belchertown.

Our pupils have a right to expect that the training they receive shall be equal in its efficiency to the training received by those who attend schools in other places and with whom and in competition to whom they must live their lives.

In order to increase the training given in our school, the course of study which has been somewhat improved during the year, should be amplified and broadened. Each student should be required to take not less than four studies per day. This is the minimum number sanctioned by the experience of High Schools in Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States.

The conditions confronting us make almost impossible further improvement in this direction. We must have greater facilities, especially more room. Either an addition or a new building is most pressing needed and it would seem that a modern building with proper

equipment is a more economical plan—a *wiser* expenditure of money than to build an addition to a building which in its present state, is a menace to the health of the children in the winter season, and a danger to their lives in case of fire. And the present building certainly will not improve with age.

The High School Library, by which is meant the standard reference books on the various subjects covered by our course of study and which are needed for immediate use by pupils and teachers during every session, is very inadequate for our work. A fixed yearly expenditure of a comparatively small sum would eventually bring it to a working standard.

The sessions could be shortened an hour with beneficial results. Both teachers and pupils could do a higher quality of work and there is nothing which tends to effectiveness in the training of mind or body like *high quality* in the work performed. This move would be in keeping not only with other schools but also in keeping with the shortening of hours in all lines of work for the past twenty-five years, and which has been found by experience to be an economic success. We have a fair sized group of children, who are dismissed to take train each afternoon at 3:15, in which are pupils who are doing some of the best work in their respective classes, notwithstanding that they put in forty-five minutes less time each day. Further, the lack of light at the end of the short winter days, makes the latter part of the day unprofitable.

The lack of water in the building is greatly to be deplored.

Sufficient additional janitor service should be provided so that the halls and stairways might be made presentable after the pupils have entered the building in the morning and at noon.

In the problem of making the high school of the greatest possible benefit to the community, the teachers are, it is needless to say, deeply interested. In the future, therefore, as in the past, they will welcome the kindly criticism and wise assistance which they have never failed to receive.

They further hope that they will have an opportunity of seeing a greater number of parents and residents of Belchertown at the High School.

Sincerely yours,

CLARK THOMPSON FALKNOR, *Principal.*



## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 15, 1907.

*To the School Committee :*

I have received during the year from the School Committee, Teachers and Supt., 15 summonses to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. Shumway, *Truant Officer.*

Attention is called to the feature of music in the schools. Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Falknor, all the pupils in the High and Center schools have enjoyed a rare opportunity for musical training, which has been highly appreciated by those who feel the need of such instruction in all the schools. The Superintendent has also given musical instruction in some of the rural schools. The success of these efforts is seen in the interest and enthusiasm of the pupils, and in the results accomplished.

# Belchertown High School



## Graduation Exercises

OF THE CLASS OF  
1906



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE THE FIFTEENTH  
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

### Latin-Scientific Course

ETHEL LILLIAN ALDEN

MICHAEL PHILIP BOWLER, JR.

ROBERT LONGLEY BRIDGMAN, JR.

JOSEPH CHAUNCEY DROHAN

CONSTANCE DYER

### English Course

MARIA LOUISE AUSTIN

EMMA ELVIRA CLIFFORD

MYRTLE ETHEL KEZAR

WALTER GROVER SNOW

SAMUEL KELLOGG WILLSON

### Class Honors

First, CONSTANCE DYER

Second, MYRTLE ETHEL KEZAR

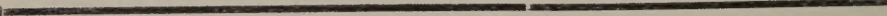
Third, ETHEL LILLIAN ALDEN

### Class Motto

"TRY AND TRUST"

### Class Colors

GOLD AND WHITE





# Program



March  
Prayer

REV. SAMUEL WOODBURY

Salutatory & Essay  
"Monuments"

MYRTLE E. KEZAR

Essay

"Influence of Country Life on the  
History of the United States."

MICHAEL P. BOWLER

Essay

"America, the Land of Opportunity"

EMMA E. CLIFFORD

Dance Solo

MR. B. B. SNOW

Essay

"Belchertown"

JOSEPH C. DROHAN

Essay

"After School, - What?"

M. LOUISE AUSTIN

# Program



Essay

"The Panama Canal"

W. GROVER SNOW

Piano Duet

MISS S. BELLE SNOW & MRS. SARA PERRY

Class Prophecy

ETHEL L. ALDEN

Essay

"Out-of-Door Sports"

ROBERT L. BRIDGMAN

Essay

"Great Inventions"

SAMUEL K. WILLSON

Essay & Valedictory

"The Pilgrims"

CONSTANCE DYER

Presentation of Diplomas

SUPT. JOHN SANBORN

Dance Solo

MR. B. B. SNOW

## SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                    |             |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance in Treasury Feb. 15, 1906, | \$ 3,312.29 |              |
| Balance from Bridgman H. S. fund,  | 55.56       |              |
| Appropriation, March, 1906,        | 4,900.00    |              |
| Received from State school fund,   | 995.62      |              |
| “ from Superintendency fund,       | 900.00      |              |
| “ for tuition of state wards,      | 435.00      |              |
| “ “ “ Ludlow pupils,               | 23.50       |              |
| “ from Bridgman H. S. fund,        | 242.40      |              |
| “ of Miss Clifford, cash overpaid, | 5.00        |              |
| “ for books sold,                  | .50         |              |
|                                    | <hr/>       | \$ 10,869.87 |

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

|                                |             |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Teachers' wages from Treasury, | \$ 5,546.25 |              |
| “ “ “ Bridgman fund,           | 297.96      |              |
| School supervision,            | 1,230.70    |              |
| Books and supplies, net,       | 536.88      |              |
| Fuel,                          | 337.40      |              |
| Janitors,                      | 136.25      |              |
| Miscellaneous expenses,        | 94.05       |              |
| Bills contracted last year,    | 354.00      |              |
|                                | <hr/>       | 8,533.49     |
| Unexpended balance,            | 2,336.38    |              |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$ 10,869.87 |

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

|                                    |          |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1906, | \$ 30.00 |           |
| Appropriation,                     | 100.00   |           |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$ 130.00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                      |          |           |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Oakley Paddock, | \$ 50.00 |           |
| Unexpended balance,  | 80.00    |           |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$ 130.00 |



## TOWN ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for general repairs, \$ 300.00

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Potter & Bond, shingle etc.,                | \$ 67.30  |
| E. S. Lane, shingling Franklin & Federal,   | 18.73     |
| F. V. Sturtevant, shingling Washington,     | 11.20     |
| D. L. Hazen, paint & hardware,              | 32.77     |
| G. M. Kelley, paint and painting,           | 15.00     |
| Meservey, Young & Co., nodusto,             | 7.50      |
| Hodgkins, Shumway & others, center schools, | 23.52     |
| Sundry small repairs,                       | 56.09     |
|                                             | <hr/>     |
|                                             | \$ 232.11 |
| Unexpended balance,                         | 67.89     |
|                                             | <hr/>     |

\$ 300.00

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## DETAILED STATEMENTS.

## TEACHERS' WAGES.

|                 |                     | Weeks. |              |           |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| High School,    | C. L. Judkins,      | 12 3-5 | \$ 27.77 7-9 | \$ 350.00 |
| " "             | C. T. Falknor,      | 23     | "            | 638.88    |
| " "             | Ida St. George,     | 12     | 15.00        | 180.00    |
| " "             | Almira Wallace,     | 24     | 13.88 7-8    | 333.33    |
| Center Grammar, | Mary G. Ryan,       | 32     | 10.00        | 320.00    |
| " Int.          | Marion Bartlett,    | 32     | 10.00        | 320.00    |
| " Primary,      | Mrs. S. Ross,       | 11     | 10.00        | 110.00    |
| " "             | S. Belle Snow,      | 21     | 10.00        | 210.00    |
| Cold Spring,    | Bridget Fitzgerald, | 32     | 6.50         | 208.00    |
| Franklin Gram., | Nellie G. Shea,     | 32     | 7.00         | 224.00    |
| " Pri.,         | S. Belle Snow,      | 11     | 9.00         | 99.00     |
| " "             | Nellie Sullivan,    | 21     | 9.00         | 189.00    |
| Liberty,        | " "                 | 11     | 9.00         | 99.00     |
| "               | Alma Russell,       | 21     | 9.00         | 189.00    |

|                |                       |    |         |          |
|----------------|-----------------------|----|---------|----------|
| Washington,    | Bessie Alden,         | 11 | \$ 5.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| "              | Myrtle Kezar,         | 11 | 5.00    | 55.00    |
| "              | " "                   | 10 | 6.00    | 60.00    |
| Rock Rimmon,   | Edith Towne,          | 11 | 7.50    | 82.50    |
| " "            | " "                   | 21 | 8.00    | 168.00   |
| Chestnut Hill, | Katherine Smith,      | 11 | 8.00    | 88.00    |
| " "            | Rose McEvilly,        | 21 | 9.00    | 189.00   |
| Holyoke.       | Arthur E. Pease,      | 11 | 8.50    | 93.50    |
| "              | Frances Haggerty,     | 11 | 9.00    | 99.00    |
| "              | Euler B. Lane,        | 10 | 9.00    | 90.00    |
| Federal,       | Florence Johnson,     | 11 | 8.00    | 88.00    |
| "              | Iva G. White,         | 21 | 8.00    | 168.00   |
| Lake Vale,     | Minnie Moriarty,      | 11 | 5.00    | 55.00    |
| " "            | Mrs. Gutberlett,      | 9  | 7.00    | 63.00    |
| " "            | Margaret Maroney,     | 12 | 8.00    | 96.00    |
| Union,         | Rose McEvilly,        | 11 | 8.00    | 88.00    |
| "              | Alma E. Gold,         | 20 | 7.00    | 140.00   |
| West Hill,     | May Carmody,          | 11 | 5.00    | 55.00    |
| " "            | Emma Clifford,        | 10 | 5.00    | 50.00    |
| East Hill,     | Harriet Thomson,      | 11 | 7.00    | 77.00    |
| " "            | Louise Austin,        | 11 | 5.00    | 55.00    |
| " "            | Mary Ollis,           | 10 | 8.00    | 80.00    |
| Laurel,        | Grace Thayer,         | 11 | 5.00    | 55.00    |
| "              | " "                   | 21 | 5.50    | 115.50   |
| Blue Meadow,   | Mrs. Gutberlett,      | 11 | 8.00    | 88.00    |
| " "            | May Carmody,          | 21 | 5.50    | 115.50   |
|                | Emma Clifford, error, |    |         | 5.00     |

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\$ 5,844.21

Less paid from Bridgman H. S. fund,

297.96

Paid from town treasury,

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\$ 5,546.25



## JANITORS.

|                                        |          |           |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Center schools, D. F. Shumway, spring, | \$ 40.00 |           |
| “ “ S. A. Hodgkins, fall,              | 25.00    |           |
| “ “ S. A. Hodgkins, winter,            | 35.00    |           |
| Paid in other schools,                 | 36.25    |           |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$ 136.25 |

## COST OF FUEL.

|                     |          |           |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Pratt Brothers,     | \$ 42.25 |           |
| C. R. Aldrich,      | 45.00    |           |
| Shumway & Greene,   | 40.00    |           |
| Town Farm,          | 33.00    |           |
| E. R. Blackmer,     | 25.00    |           |
| E. A. Randall,      | 24.00    |           |
| George Warner,      | 23.50    |           |
| Thomas Sullivan,    | 19.00    |           |
| M. W. Bardwell,     | 16.00    |           |
| Patrick Fitzgerald, | 12.50    |           |
| C. L. Kimball,      | 10.00    |           |
| Henry McKillop,     | 10.00    |           |
| C. L. Randall,      | 10.00    |           |
| Jason Hurlburt,     | 9.00     |           |
| D. F. Shumway,      | 7.50     |           |
| L. L. Dupines,      | .90      |           |
| Ernest DeSilver,    | .50      |           |
| Paid for sawing,    | 6.25     |           |
|                     | <hr/>    | \$ 337.40 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Ginn & Co.,             | \$ 172.55 |
| Silver, Burdette & Co., | 69.71     |
| A. H. Bartlett,         | 52.48     |
| Leavenworth & Co.,      | 49.47     |

|                             |    |           |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|
| D. C. Heath & Co.,          | \$ | 29.98     |
| E. E. Babb & Co.,           |    | 22.06     |
| J. B. Lippincott & Co.,     |    | 19.20     |
| The McMillan Co.,           |    | 17.37     |
| J. L. Hammett Co.,          |    | 13.90     |
| Houghton Mifflin & Co.,     |    | 13.86     |
| B. H. Sanborn,              |    | 13.00     |
| American Book Co.,          |    | 12.80     |
| Nevello Ewer Co.,           |    | 12.00     |
| A. W. Hall,                 |    | 9.68      |
| Jordan & Marsh,             |    | 6.00      |
| Thompson, Brown & Co.,      |    | 5.34      |
| D. L. Hazen,                |    | 4.93      |
| C. L. Judkins,              |    | 4.91      |
| Lewis H. Blackmer,          |    | 3.00      |
| Allyn & Bacon,              |    | 2.31      |
| U. S. Government,           |    | 1.00      |
| O. A. Parent,               |    | .85       |
| Atkinson, Mentzor & Grover, |    | .48       |
|                             |    | <hr/>     |
|                             |    | \$ 536.88 |

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#### COST OF SUPERVISION.

|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, salary,      | 50.00       |
| Dr. S. W. Perry,                   “   | <hr/>       |
| Geo. H. B. Green,               “      | 76.20       |
| John Sanborn, Supt,           “        | 500.00      |
| Geo. F. Ellinwood, Supt,      “        | 580.00      |
| D. F. Shumway, Truant officer, salary, | 20.00       |
| Thomas Landers,   “       “       “    | 4.50        |
|                                        | <hr/>       |
|                                        | \$ 1,230.70 |

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#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Graduation,         |      |
| Grover Snow, music, | 7.00 |



|                                      |         |          |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Caxton Co., diplomas,                | \$ 9.60 |          |
| L. H. Blackmer, programs & tickets,  | 10.50   |          |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$ 27.10 |
| L. H. Blackmer, cards for Supt.,     | 4.96    |          |
| Supt's. stamps, stationery etc.,     | 2.29    |          |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$ 7.25  |
| Freight, express and cartage,        | 22.07   |          |
| Postage, telephone, R. R. fare etc., | 27.88   |          |
| Mrs. Longley, taking school census,  | 6.00    |          |
| Sanitary work,                       | 3.75    |          |
|                                      | <hr/>   | \$ 59.70 |
|                                      |         | <hr/>    |
|                                      |         | \$ 94.05 |
| Transportation of pupils,            |         | 50.00    |

#### BILLS CONTRACTED LAST YEAR.

|                                     |           |             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Nellie Sullivan, teaching,          | \$ 101.75 |             |
| Harriet B. Thompson, teaching,      | 28.00     |             |
| Bridget C. Fitzgerald, “            | 71.50     |             |
| Bessie M. Alden, “                  | 55.00     |             |
| Grace E. Thayer, “                  | 35.00     |             |
| Carlton Kimball, wood,              | 8.25      |             |
| Theron Pratt, “                     | 3.50      |             |
| Janitors,                           | 16.00     |             |
| Dr. S. W. Perry, balance of salary, | 35.00     |             |
|                                     | <hr/>     | \$ 354.00   |
| Total charged School account,       |           | \$ 8,285.53 |
| Total “ Town “                      |           | 232.11      |
| Total approved by School Committee, |           | \$ 8,517.64 |

#### MEMORANDUM.

In purchasing new books, we have disposed of some old ones in exchange and have received from this source,  
 From Ginn & Company, \$ 128.24

|                                                                       |         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| From Silver Burdett & Co.,                                            | \$ 8.60 |           |
| From D. C. Heath & Co.,                                               | 5.16    |           |
|                                                                       | <hr/>   | \$ 142.00 |
| We have a dormant credit balance to apply on future orders, of, 60.28 |         |           |
|                                                                       |         | <hr/>     |
|                                                                       |         | \$ 202.28 |

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Candidates admitted to Eighth Grade, June 18, 1906.

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Ellen Archembault, | Francis Austin,     |
| Grace Archembault, | Herbert Canterbury, |
| Josie Austin,      | Raymond Gay,        |
| Maude Austin,      | Clifton Hamilton,   |
| Lottie Bennett,    | Samuel Hartley,     |
| Beatrice Bowler,   | John Jerome,        |
| Eva Crafts,        | Gilman Judkins,     |
| Marie Davis,       | George Le Grand,    |
| Sadie Demorest,    | James Powers,       |
| Grace Little,      | William Shaw,       |
| Dell Ransom,       | Clifton Witt,       |
| Ida Rieff,         | Fred Wood.          |
| Agnes Riley,       |                     |
| Doris Spellman.    |                     |

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Candidates admitted to the Freshman Class of High School,  
June 18, 1906.

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Helen Adkins,    | Harold Alden,      |
| Edna Damon,      | Harry Aldrich,     |
| Esther Dodge,    | Roy Baggs,         |
| Rachel Fay,      | Gurnsey Clough,    |
| Frances Freeman, | George Forrest,    |
| Laura Goodell,   | George Hannum,     |
| Frances Gould,   | Michael Mc Killop, |
| Lucy Hanifin,    | Chauncey Walker.   |



Ruth Jackson,  
 Helen Moody,  
 Reta Ransom,  
 Lizzie Shea,  
 Marion Sturtevant.

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### EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for admission to the eighth grade and to the high school will be examined in the high school rooms, Saturday, June 22. Examination to begin at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Requirements for admission to the High School: All applicants for admission to the freshman class must be proficient in Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, and United States History.

Candidates for advanced standing must furnish satisfactory evidence that they have completed the earlier work, ( or its equivalent ) of the class they wish to enter.

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### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

|                                                |                   |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| For support of schools,—To include teachers'   |                   |
| wages, cost of fuel, books and other supplies, |                   |
| salary of School Committee, Superintendent,    |                   |
| Truant officers, Janitors, and incidentals,    | \$ 5,200.00       |
| For general repairs,                           | 350.00            |
| For transportation of pupils,                  | 100.00            |
|                                                | <hr/> \$ 5,650.00 |

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| DR. S. W. PERRY,       | } <i>School Committee</i> |
| G. H. B. GREEN,        |                           |
| MRS. M. D. S. LONGLEY, |                           |
|                        | <i>of</i>                 |
|                        | <i>Belchertown.</i>       |

# SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole Number. | No. enrolled. | No. under 5. | No. over 15. | No. between 5 and 15. | No. between 7 and 14. | Spring.     |             | Fall.       |             | Winter.     |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |               |               |              |              |                       |                       | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. |
| High. . . . .                | 83            | 62            | 0            | 44           | 16                    | 6                     | 57          | 53          | 64          | 61          | 60          | 55          |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 52            | 29            | 0            | 3            | 27                    | 21                    | 27          | 27          | 30          | 27          | 22          | 20          |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 39            | 29            | 0            | 1            | 29                    | 28                    | 27          | 23          | 23          | 22          | 22          | 21          |
| Center Primary . . . . .     | 40            | 39            | 0            | 0            | 39                    | 21                    | 26          | 25          | 29          | 27          | 28          | 25          |
| Cold Spring. . . . .         | 18            | 18            | 1            | 1            | 16                    | 14                    | 15          | 14          | 14          | 13          | 13          | 12          |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 19            | 12            | 0            | 0            | 12                    | 12                    | 9           | 9           | 16          | 15          | 15          | 14          |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 50            | 47            | 2            | 0            | 48                    | 35                    | 37          | 35          | 32          | 30          | 31          | 28          |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 45            | 45            | 0            | 0            | 45                    | 39                    | 36          | 33          | 33          | 30          | 31          | 23          |
| Washington. . . . .          | 29            | 13            | 0            | 0            | 13                    | 10                    | 18          | 17          | 21          | 19          | 17          | 12          |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        | 22            | 22            | 0            | 0            | 22                    | 18                    | 19          | 16          | 13          | 12          | 13          | 12          |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 29            | 27            | 0            | 1            | 26                    | 22                    | 24          | 22          | 18          | 16          | 11          | 10          |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 25            | 25            | 0            | 0            | 25                    | 24                    | 23          | 21          | 20          | 18          | 18          | 15          |
| Federal . . . . .            | 23            | 18            | 0            | 0            | 18                    | 12                    | 18          | 17          | 18          | 17          | 19          | 17          |
| Lake Vale. . . . .           | 15            | 13            | 0            | 0            | 13                    | 12                    | 13          | 13          | 12          | 11          | 11          | 9           |
| Union. . . . .               | 26            | 26            | 0            | 0            | 26                    | 20                    | 23          | 22          | 22          | 20          | 14          | 12          |
| West Hill . . . . .          | 11            | 11            | 0            | 0            | 11                    | 10                    | 8           | 7           | 5           | 4           |             |             |
| East Hill. . . . .           | 15            | 8             | 0            | 0            | 8                     | 7                     | 9           | 8           | 10          | 8           | 15          | 14          |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 16            | 15            | 0            | 0            | 15                    | 13                    | 14          | 13          | 12          | 10          | 11          | 9           |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 12            | 10            | 0            | 0            | 10                    | 8                     | 9           | 8           | 9           | 8           | 11          | 9           |
|                              | 569           | 469           | 3            | 50           | 419                   | 332                   | 412         | 383         | 401         | 368         | 362         | 317         |



# Roll of Honor.

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## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE SIX YEARS.

Florence Baggs.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FIVE YEARS.

Ruth Jackson.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Anna Coleman.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Henry Martin.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Susie Squires,

Beatrice Squires,

Eddy Rys,

Stane Rys,

Maria Baggs,

Dwight Moody,

Harry Paul,

Eddie Snider,

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Everett Geer,

George Moody,

Ida McCulloch,

Clark Spellman,

Dorothy Thomson,

Olive Demorest,

Herbert Canterbury,

Lillian Austin,

Daniel Coleman,

Doris Spellman,

Esther Jackson,

Almira Dodge,

Raymond Baggs,

Lena Wludyka,

Patrick Keyes,

Clifford Geer,

Mary Austin,  
 Alice Austin,  
 Helen Austin,  
 Robert Hanifin,  
 Alice Hanifin,

Peter Wludyka,  
 Anna Sullivan,  
 Maud LaCrosse,  
 Charles Fillmore,  
 Ruth Eaton.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Hazel Gay,  
 Florence Morse,  
 Edna Doolittle,  
 Carlton White,  
 Harry Fillmore,  
 Clarence Kimerley,  
 Ruth Hanifin,  
 Howard Moore,  
 Esther Mc Fayden,  
 Guy Mellen,  
 Michael Cavanaugh,  
 Charles Readon,  
 Herbert Young,  
 Elton Matthews,  
 Vera Matthews,  
 Walter Matthews,  
 George Moran,  
 Antonina Sufnaski,  
 Jennie Wludyka,  
 Elizabeth Fitzgerald,  
 John Keyes,  
 Mary LaCrosse,  
 Herbert Geer,  
 Maybelle Bowler,  
 Raymond Bowler,  
 Charles Bowler,  
 Lottie Bennet,  
 Beatrice Bolter,  
 John Sullivan,  
 Cora Rys,

Josie Austin,  
 Cora Randolph,  
 John Jerome,  
 Lowdzer Antanavitch,  
 Philip LeGrand,  
 Francis Carew,  
 Cassie Bush,  
 Permilea Decotean,  
 Viola Decotean,  
 Albina Decotean,  
 Agnes M. Thayer,  
 Irvin Pratt,  
 Cora Goulet,  
 John Moynihan,  
 Joseph Willard,  
 Harold Francois,  
 Charlie Joblonski,  
 John Rys,  
 Joseph Rys,  
 Margaret Ellis,  
 Theodore Janik,  
 May Sullivan,  
 William Shaw,  
 Gilman Judkins,  
 Hazel Barrett,  
 Kathleen Forrest,  
 Paul Squires,  
 Paul Barrett,  
 Joseph Powovicchio,  
 Pauline Sanford,



John Jackson, Jr.,  
Della Dodge,  
Esther Jackson,  
Charlotte Little,  
Forrest Corey,  
Gertrude Riley,  
Mabel Wood,  
Marie Davis,  
Ella Archambault,  
Grace Archambault,  
Sadie Demorest,  
Helen Adkins,  
Julia Sanford,  
Frances Gould,  
Mabel Bradley,  
Harold Alden,

Harry Aldrich.

Lucy Warner,  
Laura Chamberlin,  
Lewis Dodge,  
Henry Cooley,  
Belding Jackson,  
Ama LeGrande,  
John Sullivan,  
Roy Baggs,  
May Bardwell,  
Luella Bardwell,  
Grace Little,  
Glenn Little,  
Rachel Lapolice,  
Marion Sturtevant,  
Jean Forrest,  
George Forrest,

# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To one of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the fourth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To Choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner, for three years, also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, vote "yes" or "no" all on one ballot in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town, November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: One Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for



three years.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to build an addition to the Center school-house, and raise money for the same. Also appoint any committee or committees, necessary to carry out the instructions of the town in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To raise money for the support of schools, to include teachers' salaries, the cost of fuel, school books and other supplies, salaries of School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers, Janitors and incidentals.

ART. 7. To raise money for the repair of school-houses.

ART. 8. To raise money for the transportation of pupils.

ART. 9. To raise money to defray pauper expenses.

ART. 10. To raise money to defray town expenses.

ART. 11. To raise money to repair highways and bridges and to take such action on said repairs as the town shall deem best.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to complete the repairs on depot hill.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars, as part payment on account of change of grade crossing at R. R. station on the Granby road.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to build an annex to Liberty district school-house, suitable for a graded school, and to raise money for the same, agreeable to a petition of E. L. Mills and eight others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to build or construct a concrete sidewalk from south line of residence of Oliver Hyde, to north line of the Methodist Church on the west side of Main St., in front of property of M. P. Walker, known as West View, and raise money for for the same, agreeably to a petition of L. W. Dillon and eleven others.

ART. 16. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of lighting the streets for the year ensuing.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the Chairman of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes, that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 19. To see what action the town will take in regard to use

and care of the town house.

ART. 20. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three, to be known as the committee on appropriations, who shall carefully investigate and report to the next annual meeting, the amounts needed in the several departments, to be expended the year ensuing.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the tree warden, for care of shade trees and act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the selectmen.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money sufficient to place suitable guide boards, at the places needed in the town, agreeably to an act of the legislature.

ART. 25. To hear the report of the committee on a water supply.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept the gift of \$ 64.00 from the estate of Harriet M. Taylor, on condition that the lot in Mt. Hope cemetery where she lies buried, be cared for in the future.

ART. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February A. D. 1907.

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| M. S. BARTON,   |   |                                          |
| E. A. RANDALL,  |   |                                          |





# Report of Tree Warden.

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Agreeable to and in compliance with our duty as tree warden, I herewith submit my report: In laying out and establishing the three additional extensions of wires of the N. E. T. Co., in 1906, it has been our privilege to avoid as best we could as much unnecessary trimming of road-side trees as possible and still afford an unobstructed opening for the stringing of the wires.

Many road-side trees bordering timber lands from which the wood and timber has been cut, have been marked and preserved.

The annual destruction of many a beautiful tree within the limit of the highway still continues, causing no small loss to those who recognize the beauty and worth of shade trees to the town. It is a source of regret that trees which add so much beauty and attraction to this good old town should be thus destroyed, and all for the few feet of lumber or measurement of wood they contain. Public sentiment, not to mention the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts governing the protection of road-side trees, would seemingly be sufficient to guard in safety all such trees.

Your tree warden is not unmindful of the need of more attention to the trimming and general care of trees by the road-side through the town, than what he has been able as a free gift to render. For his successor he bespeaks the hearty support of all true sons and daughters of the town, to the end that our streets and town may grow to be "More and more beautiful as the years come and go".

A. B. HOWARD, *Tree Warden.*

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## APPROPRIATIONS.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1907.

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Schools,                  | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Repairs on school houses, | 300.00      |
| Town expenses,            | 1,600.00    |
| Pauper expenses,          | 500.00      |
| Roads,                    | 2,500.00    |
| Lighting streets,         | 300.00      |
| Grade crossing,           | 580.00      |
| Cemeteries,               | 50.00       |
| Grand Army, Memorial Day, | 50.00       |











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## Assessors' Report.

|                                            |                    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Value of assessed real estate May 1, 1907, | \$ 747,680.00      |
| Value of assessed personal estate,         | 146,160.00         |
|                                            | <hr/> \$893,840.00 |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$ 16.60 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$ 12,411.49       |
| Tax on personal estate, | 2,426.25           |
| Tax on 520 polls,       | 1,040.00           |
|                         | <hr/> \$ 15,877.74 |

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS :

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$ 12,875.00       |
| State tax,                          | 1,080.00           |
| County tax,                         | 1,217.41           |
| State highway tax,                  | 41.76              |
| Overlaying,                         | 103.57             |
| Bridge tax,                         | 560.00             |
|                                     | <hr/> \$ 15,877.74 |

|                                     |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Residents assessed on property,     | 511    |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 160    |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 184    |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,970 |
| Horses,                             | 513    |
| Cows,                               | 1,441  |
| Neat cattle, other than cows.       | 401    |
| Sheep,                              | 8      |
| Swine,                              | 123    |
| Fowls,                              | 3,011  |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 502    |

|                                                    |   |                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR.,<br>A. L. PRATT,<br>F. B. ALDEN, | } | <i>Assessors<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
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## Collector's Report.

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|                                                         |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance to be collected Feb. 15, 1907, on tax for 1906, | \$ 1,735.15  |
| Amount collected and paid Treasurer,                    | 1,170.01     |
|                                                         | <hr/>        |
| Uncollected balance for 1906,                           | \$ 565.14    |
| Amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors'    |              |
| warrant, dated Sept. 4, 1907,                           | \$ 15,877.74 |
| Amount collected and paid to Treasurer,                 | 12,145.76    |
|                                                         | <hr/>        |
| Balance to be collected,                                | \$ 3,731.98  |

A. E. PEASE, *Collector.*



## Treasurer's Report.

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| 1907. |    | <i>Dr.</i>                                 |             |
|-------|----|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Feb.  | 15 | Balance due on settlement,                 | \$ 2,975.87 |
|       | 18 | Cash of J. A. Peeso, road account of 1905, | 10.67       |
|       | 18 | M. A. Shaw, for lumber,                    | 2.00        |
| March | 1  | State Treasurer, support of sick pauper,   | 32.00       |
|       | 2  | A. E. Pease,                               | 117.72      |
|       | 12 | Town Farm, for one cow,                    | 50.00       |
|       | 12 | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                   | 68.15       |
|       | 12 | Town Farm, for one calf,                   | 10.00       |
|       | 22 | A. E. Pease,                               | 268.00      |
|       | 28 | John Stadler, butcher's license,           | 1.00        |
| April | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                   | 57.49       |
|       | 4  | Town of Ludlow, account of schools,        | 8.50        |
|       | 9  | Herbert D. Paine, butcher's license,       | 1.00        |
|       | 11 | Ira Damon, butcher's license,              | 1.00        |
|       | 17 | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,        | 2.00        |
|       | 20 | Town Farm,                                 | 10.00       |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                    | 4,000.00    |
| May   | 1  | Patrick Keyes, liquor license,             | 800.00      |
|       | 1  | C. H. Snow, " "                            | 1.00        |
|       | 1  | L. W. Dillon, " "                          | 675.00      |
|       | 1  | Town of Shutesbury,                        | 155.35      |
|       | 6  | Estate of Harriet M. Taylor,               | 63.81       |
|       | 9  | Town Farm,                                 | 14.15       |
|       | 13 | A. E. Pease,                               | 119.56      |
|       | 14 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                    | 2,000.00    |

|       |    |                                                                              |          |
|-------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May   | 14 | Cash of Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                             | \$ 66.19 |
|       | 14 | “ “ potatoes, etc.,                                                          | 24.17    |
| June  | 1  | State Treasurer, support of sick pauper,                                     | 70.90    |
|       | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                     | 58.41    |
|       | 15 | Henry Jepson, butcher's license,                                             | 1.00     |
|       | 15 | Kickapoo Medicine Co.,                                                       | 5.00     |
|       | 17 | C. H. Teeter, butcher's license,                                             | 1.00     |
|       | 29 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                                                      | 2,000.00 |
| July  | 3  | Fines from District Court,                                                   | 10.00    |
|       | 3  | J. E. Clark, for fines,                                                      | 10.00    |
|       | 13 | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                     | 71.17    |
|       | 20 | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 77.60    |
|       | 22 | Estate of Ellory Crafts,                                                     | 1.00     |
| Aug.  | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                     | 71.83    |
|       | 15 | State Treasurer, tuition of state children,                                  | 466.50   |
|       | 15 | State Treasurer, inspection of animals,                                      | 78.62    |
|       | 22 | Mrs. Reuben Sikes for care of Orrin<br>Walker's lot in Mt. Hope cemetery,    | 50.00    |
|       | 24 | G. E. Sanford for care of Mrs. C. D.<br>Williams' lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery,  | 50.00    |
|       | 24 | Mrs. Sarah T. Weeks for care of Jason<br>Shumway's lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 100.00   |
| Sept. | 2  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                     | 62.63    |
|       | 9  | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 97.33    |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank,                                                                | 2,000.00 |
|       | 30 | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 1,198.24 |
| Oct.  | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                     | 57.96    |
|       | 2  | J. A. Crosier, fines in District Court,                                      | 5.13     |
|       | 3  | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 395.13   |
|       | 5  | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 285.50   |
|       | 7  | Augustus Alden, account of concrete walk,                                    | 4.50     |
|       | 15 | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 444.43   |
|       | 18 | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                                                       | 145.34   |
|       | 29 | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                                                       | 25.00    |
|       | 29 | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 560.27   |
|       | 29 | Amherst Bank,                                                                | 3,000.00 |
|       | 31 | A. E. Pease,                                                                 | 173.68   |



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| Nov. | 2  | Cash of A. E. Pease,                                                                  | \$ 415.00 |
|      | 11 | Account of Supt. of Schools,                                                          | 900.00    |
|      | 12 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 710.82    |
|      | 12 | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                                                                | 74.76     |
|      | 14 | Fred E. Higgins, butcher's license,                                                   | 1.00      |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, Corporation tax,                                                     | 48.89     |
|      | 15 | " " National Bank tax,                                                                | 262.69    |
|      | 15 | " " Military Aid,                                                                     | 207.00    |
|      | 15 | " " State Aid,                                                                        | 1,750.00  |
|      | 15 | " " Burial of indigent soldier,                                                       | 35.00     |
|      | 18 | Town Farm for beef and pork,                                                          | 48.00     |
|      | 18 | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                              | 43.00     |
|      | 18 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 533.23    |
|      | 20 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 249.15    |
|      | 23 | Homer Couture, butcher's license,                                                     | 1.00      |
|      | 27 | Town Farm for 1 cow,                                                                  | 50.00     |
| Dec. | 2  | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 201.19    |
|      | 2  | Gideon Chenier, butcher's license,                                                    | 1.00      |
|      | 2  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                                              | 49.06     |
|      | 3  | Stephen F. Shaw for care of Luther Shaw's<br>lot in Mt. Hope cemetery,                | 50.00     |
|      | 7  | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 747.43    |
|      | 7  | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                                                                | 62.01     |
|      | 9  | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 137.30    |
|      | 11 | Town Farm for fat hogs,                                                               | 45.00     |
|      | 18 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 583.12    |
|      | 21 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 248.40    |
|      | 23 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 103.27    |
|      | 28 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 804.73    |
|      | 30 | Amherst Bank,                                                                         | 4,000.00  |
| 1908 |    |                                                                                       |           |
| Jan. | 1  | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 1,518.74  |
|      | 1  | H. B. Anderson for care of Daniel Marsh<br>& J. V. Thompson lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 50.00     |
|      | 2  | Fines from Dis't Court,                                                               | 42.00     |
|      | 3  | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 456.84    |
|      | 11 | A. E. Pease,                                                                          | 700.00    |

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| Jan. 15 | Cash of County Treasurer, dog fund,                 | \$ 321.13    |
| 23      | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                            | 29.38        |
| 25      | State Treasurer, Income Mass. school fund,          | 1,229.99     |
| 27      | A. E. Pease,                                        | 476.83       |
| 28      | A. H. Hubbard, spot in cemetery,                    | 3.00         |
| 30      | Amherst Bank,                                       | 1,500.00     |
| 30      | Amherst Savings Bank, interest of<br>cemetery fund, | 104.16       |
| 31      | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                            | 31.96        |
| 31      | Town Farm for potatoes,                             | 14.95        |
| Feb. 7  | Fred M. Fuller, account of highway,                 | 20.32        |
| 8       | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                              | 36.00        |
| 8       | A. E. Pease,                                        | 536.00       |
| 10      | Miss M. E. King, lot in cemetery,                   | 10.00        |
| 15      | G. H. B. Green, lumber etc. sold,                   | 8.55         |
| 15      | A. E. Pease,                                        | 666.46       |
| 15      | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                              | 146.69       |
| 15      | Town Farm, driving hearse,                          | 74.00        |
|         |                                                     | <hr/>        |
|         |                                                     | \$ 43,451.85 |

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| Mar. | 2  | Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court, | \$ 5.18  |
| Apr. | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court,           | 12.21    |
| "    | 2  | D. F. Shumway, services in district<br>court,          | 20.52    |
| "    | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                  | 2,000.00 |
| "    | 30 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                      | 100.00   |
| May  | 2  | D. F. Shumway, services in district<br>court,          | 9.41     |
| "    | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court,           | 5.49     |
| "    | 10 | State Treasurer, account of liquor<br>license,         | 369.00   |



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|-------|----|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| May   | 14 | Cash Paid Amherst Savings Bank, Cemetery Fund,    | \$ 63.81 |
| "     | 14 | Note at Amherst Bank,                             | 2,000.00 |
| "     | 14 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                 | 50.00    |
| "     | 29 | W. E. Bridgman, insurance on school house,        | 37.50    |
| "     | 29 | W. E. Bridgman, insurance on town hall,           | 30.00    |
| June  | 29 | Discount on note at Amherst Bank,                 | 50.00    |
| July  | 3  | D. H. Tillson, services in district court,        | 10.91    |
| Aug.  | 24 | Amherst Savings Bank, Cemetery Fund,              | 200.00   |
| Sept. | 4  | D. F. Shumway, services in district court,        | 5.35     |
| "     | 30 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                         | 30.00    |
| Oct.  | 1  | County Tax,                                       | 1,217.41 |
| "     | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,         | 5.13     |
| "     | 29 | Note at Amherst Bank,                             | 4,000.00 |
| "     | 29 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                         | 45.00    |
| Nov.  | 6  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,         | 18.24    |
| "     | 13 | C. E. Shumway, services in district court,        | 21.47    |
| "     | 14 | Note at Amherst Bank,                             | 2,000.00 |
| "     | 15 | State Treasurer, state tax,                       | 1,080.00 |
| "     | 15 | " " abolition grade crossing loan,                | 500.00   |
| "     | 15 | State Treasurer, interest on grade crossing loan, | 60.00    |
| "     | 15 | State Treasurer, repairs of state highway,        | 41.76    |
| Dec.  | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,         | 25.42    |
| "     | 30 | Amherst Savings Bank, Cemetery Fund,              | 50.00    |

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|------|----|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. | 30 | Cash Paid Two notes at Amherst Bank, | \$ 4,000.00  |
| "    | 30 | Discount at Amherst Bank,            | 60.00        |
| 1908 |    |                                      |              |
| Jan. | 2  | Amherst Savings Bank, Cemetery       |              |
|      |    | Fund,                                | 50.00        |
| "    | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                | 3,000.00     |
| "    | 30 | Discount at Amherst Bank,            | 18.75        |
| Feb. | 15 | 547 town orders, Selectmen,          | 18,435.02    |
|      |    | Services as Treasurer,               | 100.00       |
|      |    | Cash on hand,                        | 3,724.27     |
|      |    |                                      | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                                      | \$ 43,451.85 |

## Notes due at Amherst Bank.

|                |                                   |             |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Dec. 30, 1907, | For 3 months, due March 30, 1908, | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Jan. 30, 1908, | For 3 months, due April 30, 1908, | 1,500.00    |

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*



## Report on Highways.

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|                                                                         |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation,                                                          |             | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Paid E. C. Witt, Superintendent last year,                              | \$ 98.60    |             |
| D. L. Hazen, tools for highway,                                         | 27.65       |             |
| E. E. Mead, snow bill, last year,                                       | 4.95        |             |
| H. C. Dodge, clearing streets after storm,                              | .80         |             |
| A. Lovett, labor on highway,                                            | 1.00        |             |
| Drawn orders for Fred M. Fuller as Supt. of<br>streets to the amount of | 2,350.00    |             |
|                                                                         | \$ 2,483.00 |             |
| Less appropriation,                                                     |             | \$ 17.00    |

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| NELSON RANDALL,<br>D. D. HAZEN,<br>E. C. WITT, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
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### REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS TO THE SELECTMEN.

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Fred M. Fuller, for labor on highway, | \$ 290.32 |
| Charles Sanford,                           | 1.00      |
| R. S. Kenfield,                            | .25       |
| Thomas Spellman, for gravel,               | 2.00      |
| Jerry Cavanaugh, for labor on highway,     | 16.80     |
| Michael Cavanaugh,                         | 20.80     |

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid William Knowlton, labor on highway, | \$ 14.03 |
| L. Fosket,                               | 3.53     |
| H. M. Dunbar,                            | 8.00     |
| George Warner,                           | 151.55   |
| John Marsh,                              | 72.10    |
| William Hannum,                          | 50.92    |
| Eugene Fenton,                           | 25.22    |
| Edward E. Gay,                           | 2.25     |
| George Barnes,                           | 13.25    |
| Clarence Rogers,                         | 3.00     |
| Charles E. Elliot,                       | 9.41     |
| John W. Elliot,                          | 7.13     |
| John Hayes,                              | 1.00     |
| Albert Slate,                            | 1.00     |
| Daniel Kennedy,                          | 54.25    |
| Patrick Kennedy,                         | 40.95    |
| Henry Dubuque,                           | 16.00    |
| Michael Sears,                           | 15.00    |
| Alvin Cutting,                           | 15.75    |
| George Akers,                            | 56.80    |
| Arnold Rowe,                             | 52.50    |
| E. F. Shumway,                           | 61.25    |
| Jason Hurlburt,                          | 32.00    |
| B. F. Hubbard,                           | 15.75    |
| John Ahern,                              | 6.50     |
| Patrick Cavanaugh,                       | 4.35     |
| John L. Smith, repairs for scraper,      | 10.90    |
| Potter & Bond, bridge planks,            | 42.95    |
| Chas. A. Marsh, labor on highway,        | 10.35    |
| George Kelley, rails and posts,          | 1.72     |
| James Peeso, labor on highway,           | 24.03    |
| P. H. Garvey, plank,                     | 9.20     |
| Dwight Jepson, labor on highway,         | 54.25    |
| Lorraine Squires,                        | 109.00   |
| Eugene Flaherty,                         | 42.72    |
| Merrick O. Allen,                        | 1.50     |
| Wm. B. Ballou,                           | 3.85     |



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|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid E. C. Witt, plank,                 | \$ 19.00 |
| Pratt Bros.,                            | 22.05    |
| Henry Jepson, dynamite,                 | 37.55    |
| Chas. Walker, for lumber,               | 1.00     |
| A. M. Baggs, labor on highway,          | 75.97    |
| A. H. Randall,                          | 24.70    |
| Arthur Dickinson,                       | 2.50     |
| Bond & Peeso, lumber,                   | 30.62    |
| Charles Knowlton, for labor on highway, | 10.10    |
| William Prenitus,                       | 1.00     |
| Herbert Peeso,                          | 58.22    |
| John Woods,                             | 64.85    |
| D. P. Spencer,                          | 4.40     |
| H. F. Shaw,                             | 14.50    |
| William Shaw,                           | 40.25    |
| Fred Squires,                           | 16.27    |
| Harry Dodge,                            | 61.00    |
| John Brown,                             | 11.55    |
| Charles Pratt,                          | 15.75    |
| Almon Lovett,                           | 2.50     |
| Everett Snow,                           | 1.00     |
| George Dwight,                          | 5.10     |
| Carlton Kimball,                        | 59.88    |
| H. C. West,                             | 4.00     |
| G. Demorest,                            | 1.13     |
| Maurice Moriarty,                       | 50.40    |
| Frank Austin,                           | 12.00    |
| Peter Hanifin,                          | 5.50     |
| Stephen Sullivan,                       | 4.85     |
| Guy C. Allen, Jr.,                      | 1.80     |
| David Jepson,                           | 1.50     |
| Arthur Shaw,                            | 1.75     |
| Roswell Allen, for lumber,              | 2.65     |
| Henry Paine, for labor on highway,      | 40.15    |
| Peter Garvey,                           | 6.00     |
| E. B. Sanford,                          | 1.50     |
| Leon Antanavitch,                       | 3.95     |

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|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid Henry Ann, labor on highway,      | \$ .88      |
| C. L. Jenks,                           | 5.00        |
| C. R. Aldrich,                         | 11.50       |
| Roderick Weston,                       | 3.20        |
| M. P. Bowler,                          | 53.60       |
| Thomas Bowler,                         | 23.44       |
| James Fenton,                          | 10.40       |
| Fred Higgins,                          | 28.80       |
| C. Sullivan,                           | 28.80       |
| James Shea,                            | 11.70       |
| Patrick Moriarty,                      | 28.55       |
| Patrick Shea,                          | 5.60        |
| Clement Mayo,                          | 5.25        |
| D. L. Hazen, for tools,                | 27.65       |
| Josiah Green, for gravel,              | 28.10       |
| Sylvester Smith, for labor on highway, | 3.50        |
| Frank S. Wilson, for gravel,           | 1.00        |
| Mrs. Henry Coombs,                     | 1.00        |
|                                        | <hr/>       |
|                                        | \$ 2,370.04 |
| Spent on sidewalk,                     | 40.36       |
|                                        | <hr/>       |
|                                        | \$ 2,329.68 |
| Paid back to A. Bridgman, Treas.,      | 20.32       |
|                                        | <hr/>       |
|                                        | \$ 2,350.00 |

F. M. FULLER, *Supt. of Streets.*



# Report of Overseers of Poor.

*For the Year Ending February 15, 1908.  
At Almshouse.*

## INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE.

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Home farm and buildings,    | \$ 5,000.00       |
| Two wood lots,              | 500.00            |
| Abbey pasture and wood lot, | 700.00            |
|                             | ————— \$ 6,200.00 |

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Feb. 14, 1908.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Bed Linen,                   | \$ 23.00 |
| Table Linen,                 | 6.00     |
| Towels etc.,                 | 2.30     |
| 7 pairs of muslin curtains,  | 5.25     |
| 8 bed spreads & 25 blankets, | 14.00    |
| 6 feather beds,              | 10.00    |
| 3 straw beds,                | 1.50     |
| 5 mattresses,                | 11.00    |
| 17 pillows,                  | 5.00     |
| 18 quilts,                   | 20.00    |
| 3 bed springs,               | 8.00     |
| 1 bed room set,              | 10.00    |
| 6 iron bedsteads,            | 15.00    |
| 5 wooden bedsteads,          | 5.00     |

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| 15 bureaus,                             | \$ 35.00 |
| 2 stands,                               | .50      |
| 26 chairs,                              | 16.50    |
| 1 dining room table,                    | 6.00     |
| 1 center table,                         | 2.00     |
| 1 sofa,                                 | 3.00     |
| 2 cook stoves,                          | 20.00    |
| 4 stoves,                               | 15.00    |
| Pantry utensils, dishes, kettles, etc., | 15.50    |
| 1 set of dishes,                        | 8.00     |
| 9 lamps,                                | 1.75     |
| Invalid chair number one,               | 15.00    |
| Invalid chair number two,               | 5.00     |
| 1 carpet,                               | 10.00    |
| 2 linoleums,                            | 7.50     |
| 1 piece matting,                        | 2.00     |
| 1 incubator,                            | 3.00     |
| 235 bushels of potatoes at .90          | 211.50   |
| Vegetables and apples,                  | 4.00     |
| 250 gallons of vinegar,                 | 25.00    |
| 65 quarts of fruit and pickles,         | 16.75    |
| Provisions and meat,                    | 46.45    |
| Horse No. 1,                            | 112.50   |
| 2,                                      | 112.50   |
| 3,                                      | 225.00   |
| Cow No. 1,                              | 40.00    |
| 2,                                      | 32.00    |
| 3,                                      | 40.00    |
| 4,                                      | 47.50    |
| 5,                                      | 42.00    |
| 6,                                      | 25.00    |
| 7,                                      | 50.00    |
| 8,                                      | 60.00    |
| 9,                                      | 40.00    |
| 10,                                     | 35.00    |
| 11,                                     | 40.00    |



|                                           |            |        |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Cow No. 12,                               | \$         | 45.00  |
| 13,                                       |            | 40.00  |
| Heifer No 1,                              |            | 20.00  |
| 2,                                        |            | 20.00  |
| 3,                                        |            | 20.00  |
| 4,                                        |            | 20.00  |
| 5,                                        |            | 20.00  |
| 6,                                        |            | 17.50  |
| 7,                                        |            | 17.50  |
| 4 calves,                                 |            | 30.00  |
| 1 bull,                                   |            | 25.00  |
| 1 sow,                                    |            | 15.00  |
| 5 shoats,                                 |            | 25.00  |
| 75 hens, and 2 roosters,                  |            | 47.00  |
| 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons of hay, @ \$ 16.00, |            | 316.00 |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of mowed oats,       |            | 18.00  |
| 5 tons of hay in stack,                   |            | 40.00  |
| 150 bushels of corn,                      |            | 52.50  |
| 26 bags of 4 X,                           | @ \$ 1.60, | 41.60  |
| 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " middlings,            | " " 1.50,  | 5.25   |
| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " meal,                 | " " 1.40,  | 2.10   |
| 13 " " mixed feed,                        | " " 1.50,  | 19.50  |
| 27 " " stock feed,                        | " " 1.60,  | 43.20  |
| 6 bushels of seed corn,                   |            | 6.00   |
| 4 " " sweet seed corn,                    |            | 5.00   |
| 1 double wagon,                           |            | 110.00 |
| 1 express wagon,                          |            | 25.00  |
| 1 buggy,                                  |            | 20.00  |
| 1 dump cart,                              |            | 40.00  |
| 1 old double wagon,                       |            | 2.00   |
| 1 double sled,                            |            | 10.00  |
| 1 single sled,                            |            | 8.00   |
| 1 express sleigh,                         |            | 7.00   |
| 1 cutter,                                 |            | 15.00  |
| 1 double harness,                         |            | 15.00  |
| 1 single "                                |            | 10.00  |
| 1 buggy "                                 |            | 8.00   |

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 mowing machine,                 | \$ 10.00          |
| 1 rake,                           | 10.00             |
| 1 tedder,                         | 5.00              |
| 3 plows,                          | 15.00             |
| 1 wheel harrow,                   | 8.00              |
| 1 spring-tooth harrow,            | 8.00              |
| 1 spike-tooth      “              | 6.00              |
| 2 cultivators,                    | 5.00              |
| 1 corn sheller,                   | 3.00              |
| 1 wheel-barrow,                   | 2.00              |
| 1 ladder,                         | 1.00              |
| Hoes, shovels, etc.,              | 2.00              |
| 1 express pole,                   | 1.00              |
| Saws and axes,                    | 3.00              |
| 1 feed cutter,                    | 5.00              |
| 1 Cooley creamer and 15 cans,     | 25.00             |
| 1 grind stone,                    | 2.00              |
| 1 Paris green blower,             | 1.50              |
| Measures and pails,               | 1.50              |
| 1 lawn mower,                     | 1.00              |
| 1 stone boat,                     | 2.00              |
| Cattle salt,                      | 1.00              |
| Plank,                            | 18.00             |
| 1 milk-mixer,                     | 6.00              |
| Lanterns, brooms and barrels,     | 3.50              |
| Boards,                           | 2.00              |
| 10 barrels of ashes,              | 5.00              |
| 2 pairs of ice tongs,             | 1.00              |
| 29 cords of stove wood, @ \$ 5.50 | 159.50            |
| 41   “   “ 4 ft.   “   “   4.00   | 164.00            |
| 65 tons of ice,                   | 65.00             |
| 1 fanning mill,                   | 2.00              |
| 1 corn planter,                   | 5.00              |
| Blankets, robes and whips,        | 7.00              |
|                                   | ————— \$ 3,244.15 |
| Gain in inventory,                | 7.13              |

GUY C. ALLEN Jr.,  
F. B. ALDEN,  
A. L. PRATT,

}      *Appraisers.*



## PAUPER IN ACCOUNT.

## Paid

|                                                  |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| B. F. Freeman, pants for Mr. Mansfield,          | \$ 3.50           |
| Charles H. Davis, repairs for town farm,         | 9.37              |
| L. A. Smith, burial of Elery Crafts,             | 18.00             |
| Benj. Freeman, warden of town farm,              | 399.99            |
| A. H. Hubbard, opening grave for Elery Crafts,   | 3.50              |
| Dr. Geo. Thomson, medical aid for E. Crafts,     | 4.50              |
| Pratt Brothers, sawing wood for town farm,       | 14.40             |
| A. Plouff, labor at town farm,                   | 2.75              |
| B. F. Davis, repairs in almshouse,               | 5.00              |
| F. E. Burnett, clipping horses at town farm,     | 4.50              |
| D. P. Spencer, fertilizer for town farm,         | 33.70             |
| D. F. Austin, plumbing at town farm,             | 1.00              |
| E. S. Snow, sawing lumber for town farm,         | 4.28              |
| A. H. Cutting, labor for town farm,              | 1.00              |
| Effie Freeman, matron at town farm,              | 26.00             |
| Benj. Freeman, suit of clothes for C. Sweatland, | 8.00              |
| F. W. Fellows, repairs and blankets,             | 8.40              |
| Edward H. Dyer, grain and feed,                  | 461.99            |
| J. W. Jackson, grain and feed,                   | 88.17             |
| Roy Whitney, labor at town farm,                 | 193.33            |
| Charles Trainer, labor at town farm,             | 23.00             |
| Eugene Flaherty, horse shoeing,                  | 10.55             |
| A. E. Dodge, horse shoeing,                      | 7.75              |
| Thomas Mansfield, horse shoeing,                 | 4.90              |
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies for almshouse,           | 66.72             |
| Fuller & Dyer, " " "                             | 221.90            |
| J. W. Jackson, " " "                             | 117.10            |
| A. Bridgman, " " "                               | 101.37            |
| D. L. Hazen, " " "                               | 51.51             |
| F. F. Dewey, " " "                               | 7.83              |
| Woods & Dodge, " " "                             | 8.32              |
| J. A. Hill, " " "                                | 18.29             |
| Harvey Purdy, tobacco for inmates,               | 11.69             |
| Benj. Freeman, labor getting in ice,             | 13.95             |
|                                                  | <hr/> \$ 1,955.26 |

## INCOME FROM TOWN FARM.

|                                      |           |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Paid to the treasurer by the warden, | \$ 933.50 |                 |
| 37 hearse calls,                     | 74.00     |                 |
| Due town farm for apples,            | 21.00     |                 |
| “ “ “ “ potatoes,                    | 5.00      |                 |
| “ “ “ “ board of S. White,           | 52.00     |                 |
| “ “ “ “ wood,                        | 11.00     |                 |
| Gain in inventory,                   | 7.13      |                 |
|                                      | <hr/>     | \$ 1,103.63     |
| Actual expense,                      |           | <hr/> \$ 851.63 |

There was \$ 92.23 worth of butter used at town farm during the year, which if added to the receipts would increase the income for the dairy.

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| Average number of inmates for the year, | 4½ |
| Number of deaths during the year,       | 1  |
| Number of hearse calls,                 | 37 |

|                 |   |                                   |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                                   |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                   |

## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

|                                       |           |             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Paid treasurer for milk and produce,  | \$ 933.50 |             |
| Amount of small bills paid by warden, | 193.67    |             |
| 37 hearse calls,                      | 74.00     |             |
| Due town farm for apples,             | 21.00     |             |
| “ “ “ “ potatoes,                     | 5.00      |             |
| “ “ “ “ board of S. White,            | 52.00     |             |
| “ “ “ “ wood,                         | 11.00     |             |
| Increase in inventory,                | 7.13      |             |
|                                       | <hr/>     | \$ 1,297.20 |



## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE TOWN.

*Town Farm Income from Feb. 15, 1907, to Feb. 15, 1908.*

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Feb. 15, 1907, cash on hand,                | \$ 26.59    |
| Cream,                                      | 712.72      |
| Amount of butter deducted from cream check, | 92.23       |
| Veal calves,                                | 113.15      |
| Pigs,                                       | 12.00       |
| Fat hogs,                                   | 45.00       |
| Beef and pork,                              | 48.00       |
| Sold 2 cows @ \$ 50.00 each,                | 100.00      |
| Sold 1 bull,                                | 30.00       |
| Potatoes,                                   | 27.97       |
| Eggs,                                       | 17.30       |
| Vinegar,                                    | 4.40        |
| Pasturage,                                  | 6.00        |
| Plowing,                                    | 6.00        |
| Hearse driving, etc., cash rec'd,           | 10.00       |
| 37 hearse calls,                            | 74.00       |
| Cash on hand,                               | 4.00        |
| Due for apples,                             | 21.00       |
| “ “ potatoes,                               | 5.00        |
| “ “ wood,                                   | 11.00       |
| “ from state, board of S. White,            | 52.00       |
| Amount of earnings at town farm,            | \$ 1,418.36 |

*Town Farm Expenditures from Feb. 15, 1907, to Feb. 15, 1908.*

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid into treasury for cream,            | \$ 667.23 |
| “ “ “ veal, pigs, potatoes, beef & pork, | 266.27    |
| Belchertown Creamery Co., for butter,    | 92.23     |
| into treasury for hearse driving,        | 74.00     |
| Emery Munsell, 1 brood sow and 9 pigs,   | 25.00     |
| for calves,                              | 11.50     |
| Tea Co., 66 lbs. tea @ .35 per lb.       | 23.10     |

|                                                 |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid Tea Co., coffee, baking powder & extracts, | \$ 13.20    |
| Mrs. Moody, 52 washings @ \$1.50 each,          | 78.00       |
| Barber services for two inmates,                | 10.00       |
| Beef, fish, fruit, pantry utensils, etc.,       | 32.87       |
|                                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                                 | \$ 1,293.40 |
| Due,                                            | 124.96      |
|                                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                                 | \$ 1,418.36 |

BENJ. FREEMAN, *Warden.*

### PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

#### EXPENDITURES.

|                                               |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid partial support of Michael Welsh,        | \$ 36.00    |
| “ “ “ “ Thomas O'Brian,                       | 25.00       |
| for one suit of clothes for Thomas O'Brian,   | 15.00       |
| Town of Granby, board of Ellery Crafts,       | 11.00       |
| E. S. Thomson, medical aid, Jacob Rieff,      | 14.00       |
| “ “ “ “ “ Warren Converse,                    | 6.00        |
| Nelson Randall, R. R. fare and expense for    |             |
| Goodnough child,                              | 7.14        |
| Town of Dana, support of Viola Dane,          | 104.60      |
| City of Springfield, medical aid Thomas Dane, | 40.60       |
| Town of Amherst, medical aid and partial      |             |
| support of David Capen,                       | 272.50      |
| Dr. Sullivan, medical aid for Patrick Shea,   | 40.00       |
| Alice Hazen, removal of Sadie Piper from      |             |
| Boston,                                       | 10.53       |
|                                               | <hr/>       |
|                                               | \$ 582.37   |
| Total expense of paupers,                     | 1,433.90    |
| Appropriation for paupers,                    | 250.00      |
| Excess of appropriation,                      | <hr/>       |
|                                               | \$ 1,183.90 |

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|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                                   |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                   |



## REPORT ON LIGHTING STREETS.

*Expenditures for the year.*

|                          |                |                 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Appropriation,           |                | \$ 250.00       |
| Paid Horace Adkins,      | 5 months,      | \$ 21.50        |
| E. H. Atwood,            | 12 "           | 53.75           |
| Rufus Pierce,            | 5 "            | 20.00           |
| Chauncey Walker,         | 3½ "           | 15.85           |
| Grover Snow,             | 7 "            | 32.00           |
| Wm. E. Shaw,             | 3 "            | 15.40           |
| Charles H. Snow,         | for oil,       | 22.44           |
| W. F. Fellows,           | " "            | 23.40           |
| D. L. Hazen,             | " "            | 52.78           |
| B. L. Thrasher,          | repairs,       | 1.15            |
| Potter & Bond,           | one lamp post, | 1.00            |
| Brown Bros.,             | supplies,      | .20             |
|                          |                | <hr/> \$ 259.47 |
| Excess of appropriation, |                | \$ 9.47         |

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |

## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

*Report of Burial Ground Commissioners.*

List of bequests left for care of lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Amounts deposited in Amherst Savings Bank,

Feb. 14, 1908.

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| S. W. Longley, | \$ 200.00 |
| Lyman Sabin,   | 100.00    |
| Alfred Heath,  | 100.00    |
| Orrin Walker,  | 50.00     |
| Luther Shaw,   | 50.00     |
| Jason Shumway, | 100.00    |
| Daniel Marsh,  | 50.00     |

|                                     |    |        |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------|
| Mrs. Nancy Graves,                  | \$ | 100.00 |
| H. S. Bridgman,                     |    | 100.00 |
| S. D. Goddard,                      |    | 100.00 |
| Irene Chandler,                     |    | 100.00 |
| Eliza Longley,                      |    | 100.00 |
| Olin Adams,                         |    | 50.00  |
| Maria Moody,                        |    | 100.00 |
| S. M. D. Bridgman,                  |    | 200.00 |
| Harriet Taylor,                     |    | 63.81  |
| Cornelia Williams,                  |    | 50.00  |
| Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1907, |    | 122.54 |
| Int. on fund in Amherst Bank,       |    | 104.16 |
| Appropriation,                      |    | 50.00  |
| Rec'd from sale of lots,            |    | 13.00  |
|                                     |    | <hr/>  |
|                                     | \$ | 289.70 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                                                                                   |    |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------|
| Paid A. H. Hubbard for setting stones, filling graves, mowing lots and avenues, fertilizer, and painting gate, Mt. Hope cemetery, | \$ | 70.45  |
| D. P. Spencer, mowing South cemetery,                                                                                             |    | 8.00   |
| F. Randolph, mowing Blue Meadow cemetery,                                                                                         |    | 1.00   |
| E. S. Lane, mowing, building fence, and labor in Holyoke, Liberty and Tyler-ville cemeteries,                                     |    | 17.50  |
| Wm. Lowell, mowing Lake Vale cemetery,                                                                                            |    | 5.00   |
| Frank Wilson, mowing Union                                                                                                        | "  | 3.00   |
| H. S. Pratt, mowing West Hill                                                                                                     | "  | 2.00   |
|                                                                                                                                   |    | <hr/>  |
|                                                                                                                                   | \$ | 106.95 |
| Balance in treasury,                                                                                                              |    | <hr/>  |
|                                                                                                                                   | \$ | 182.75 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| H. S. PRATT,   | } |
| E. S. LANE,    |   |
| A. H. HUBBARD, |   |

*Burial  
Ground  
Commissioners.*

The Burial Ground Com. recommend an appropriation of \$ 50.00



## Town Account.

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*For the year ending Feb. 15, 1908.*

|                                                            |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid D. K. Shumway, services as registrar,                 | \$ 11.00 |
| Harry Ward,                   "   "   "                    | 11.00    |
| A. B. Shaw,                   "   "   "                    | 11.00    |
| M. E. Williams,           "   "   election officer,        | 3.00     |
| R. S. Kenfield,           "   "   "   "                    | 3.00     |
| E. A. Randall,           "   "   "   "                     | 3.00     |
| F. F. Dewey,           "   "   "   "                       | 3.00     |
| H. M. Aldrich,           "   "   "   "                     | 3.00     |
| T. J. S. Parsons,       "   "   "   "                      | 3.00     |
| S. B. Signor,           "   "   "   "                      | 1.50     |
| Andrew Sears,           "   "   "   "                      | 1.50     |
| M. F. Austin,           "   "   "   "                      | 1.50     |
| H. F. Shaw,           "   "   "   "                        | 1.50     |
| F. D. Walker,           "   "   "   "                      | 1.50     |
| Geo. B. Jackson, care of clock, ringing bell and repairs,  | 49.50    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing town reports and ballots,         | 57.70    |
| L. H. Blackmer, book for Whiting St. Fund,                 | 6.40     |
| Potter & Bond, lumber for repairs on town house,           | 3.49     |
| Geo. Harvey, labor on town hall,                           | 6.50     |
| E. H. Atwood, "   "   "   "                                | 9.50     |
| H. D. Hoag, making closet for weights and measures,        | 4.94     |
| M. S. Barton, balance on last years services as selectman, | 12.00    |
| E. A. Randall,   "   "   "   "   "   "   "                 | 12.00    |
| Nelson Randall,   "   "   "   "   "   "   "                | 13.00    |

|                                                            |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid C. D. Reese, dog tags,                                | \$ 7.05 |
| P. B. Murphy, dog blanks,                                  | 2.25    |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting meat, balance on last year,        | 102.75  |
| " " " " cattle, " " " "                                    | 7.37    |
| H. D. Thrasher, care of lamps at engine house,             | 1.75    |
| L. A. Smith, burial of J. H. Maine,                        | 35.00   |
| F. B. Alden, assessor's supplies,                          | 4.15    |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies for town hall,                       | 8.48    |
| F. B. Lindsey, water analysis,                             | 3.00    |
| L. H. Blackmer, record book & stationery,                  | 4.17    |
| D. F. Shumway, help in fighting fire at Dwights,           | 19.00   |
| D. F. Shumway, help in fighting fire in Clapp & Dodge lot, | 7.80    |
| C. R. Aldrich, " " " " " " " "                             | 3.00    |
| George Warner, help in fighting fire at Dwights,           | 6.50    |
| D. F. Shumway, help in fighting fire at Bondsville,        | 4.00    |
| D. L. Hazen, meat stamps,                                  | 6.95    |
| Nelson Randall, R. R. fare, postage, telephone service,    | 10.20   |
| N. Randall, rent of Mrs. Pratt, due J. H. Maine,           | 8.75    |
| J. A. Hill, janitor for town hall,                         | 2.65    |
| D. D. Hazen, fighting fire in Stacy's lot,                 | .80     |
| Hobbs & Warren, stationery and license blanks,             | 2.71    |
| H. C. Davis, town pump repairs,                            | 1.00    |
| Wm. A. Snow, burial expense ( repaid by state, )           | 37.00   |
| American Express Co., express on weights & measures,       | 2.84    |
| Merrick Whittemore, sanitary work at town house,           | .50     |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, weights and measures,                   | 99.00   |
| D. K. Shumway, expense to Boston with C. Lowell,           | 5.00    |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting cattle and barns,                  | 75.00   |
| R. Weston, S. Bridgman, & S. B. Signor, watching fire,     | 6.00    |
| L. H. Blackmer, stationery; & Ink Co., ink,                | 2.50    |
| G. L. Witt, wood for town house,                           | 3.00    |
| Hammond & Hammond, consultation,                           | 7.00    |
| Dr. E. S. Thomson, services for C. Lowell,                 | 8.00    |
| " " " Mahoney,                                             | 1.50    |
| Guy C. Allen, Jr., services as assessor, & supplies,       | 108.60  |
| F. B. Alden, " " " "                                       | 100.00  |



|                                                            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid A. L. Pratt, services as assessor,                    | \$ 100.00 |
| Nelson Randall, services as selectman & overseer of poor,  | 153.14    |
| D. D. Hazen, " "                                           | 125.00    |
| E. C. Witt, " "                                            | 110.00    |
| Thomas D. Sullivan, damage to wagon,                       | 20.00     |
| S. A. Hodgkins, putting lock on closet door,               | .25       |
| J. H. Schoonmaker, legal advice on water charter,          | 15.00     |
| Nelson Randall, R. R. fare and other expenses,             | 10.12     |
| Charles H. Davis, repairs on chemical engine,              | 6.45      |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable,                       | 19.37     |
| L. H. Blackmer, town order book,                           | 7.47      |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, sealer of wts. & measures supplies,     | 21.45     |
| New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., for use of Almshouse telephone,  | 13.06     |
| C. R. Aldrich, care of town hall,                          | 1.50      |
| M. S. Barton, expense on water supply,                     | 5.51      |
| Charles E. Baggs, inspecting meat,                         | 54.75     |
| E. B. Sanford, " "                                         | 19.50     |
| A. Bridgman, burial of Elijah Wright, ( repaid by state, ) | 37.00     |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting cattle and barns,                  | 45.00     |
| M. G. Ward, services as election officer,                  | 3.00      |
| A. Bridgman, paid doctor returning births,                 | 11.25     |
| W. H. Hawks, inspecting meat & stamping,                   | 24.00     |
| H. A. Paine, " " "                                         | 5.00      |
| W. D. Randolph, " " "                                      | 1.75      |
| Undertaker Sullivan, returning deaths,                     | 2.50      |
| New Eng. Tel. Co., use of telephone,                       | 1.24      |
| L. A. Smith, returning deaths,                             | 5.75      |
| Benj. Freeman, attending hearse calls,                     | 74.00     |
| Alice Hazen, special commissioner,                         | 1.00      |
| D. D. Hazen, R. R. fare, postage, etc.,                    | 18.86     |
| D. D. Hazen, expense as water committee,                   | 13.42     |
| Everett Stebbins, care of town hall,                       | .75       |
| A. Bridgman,                                               | 6.23      |
| D. L. Hazen,                                               | 10.51     |
| A. Bridgman, supplies for town hall,                       | 3.26      |
| A. Bridgman, services as town clerk, etc.                  | 93.10     |

|                                                                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Paid A. Bridgman,                                                                    | \$ 19.40     |
| A. Bridgman,                                                                         | 4.66         |
| Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,                                                    | 321.13       |
| A. E. Pease, abatement of taxes,                                                     | 85.19        |
| One half military aid,                                                               | 199.50       |
|                                                                                      | <hr/>        |
|                                                                                      | \$ 2,594.25  |
| Less dog fund,                                                                       | 321.13       |
|                                                                                      | <hr/>        |
|                                                                                      | \$ 2,273.12  |
| Appropriation,                                                                       | \$ 2,225.00  |
|                                                                                      | <hr/>        |
| Excess of appropriation,                                                             | \$ 48.12     |
| We have drawn orders for bills approved<br>by school committee, for school purposes, | \$ 8,214.92  |
| ( For particulars, see report of school committee. )                                 |              |
| We have issued during the year, 547 town<br>orders, amounting to,                    | \$ 18,435.02 |

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#### RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash in the hands of treasurer,              | \$ 3,724.27  |
| Balance due in hands of collector, for 1906, | 581.14       |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1907,                        | 3,731.98     |
| Due from state for burial of soldiers,       | 109.00       |
| “ “ “ “ support of S. White,                 | 52.00        |
| “ “ “ “ state and military aid,              | 2,427.50     |
| “ “ “ “ inspection of cattle,                | 60.00        |
|                                              | <hr/>        |
|                                              | \$ 10,685.89 |

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#### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|                                                |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Due the state for abolition of grade crossing, | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Due Amherst Bank, two notes,                   | 5,500.00    |
|                                                | <hr/>       |
|                                                | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Excess of resources over liabilities,          | \$ 4,185.89 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |



BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 18, 1908.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Belchertown and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. I find in the hands of the Treasurer, cash, and on deposit, \$ 3,724.27.

GUY C. ALLEN, *Auditor.*

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### MILITARY AND STATE AID REPORT.

|                                                                                                          |             |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| We have paid to the old soldiers, their widows and mothers, during the year, state aid to the amount of, | \$ 1,736.00 |             |
| Military aid to the amount of,                                                                           | 399.00      |             |
|                                                                                                          | <hr/>       | \$ 2,135.00 |

|                                                                       |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Of this amount there is due from the state for this year's state aid, | \$ 1,736.00 |
| For one-half the military aid this year,                              | 199.50      |
| For three months last year, still due,                                | 492.00      |
|                                                                       | <hr/>       |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total amount due from the state, for state and military aid to date, | \$ 2,427.50 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|

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| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |

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### REPORT ON FUNDS.

#### MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                    |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance, Feb. 15, 1907, | \$ 218.90 |           |
| Received April 1, 1907, dividend,  | 140.00    |           |
| Received Oct. 1, 1907, dividend,   | 140.00    |           |
|                                    | <hr/>     | \$ 498.90 |
| Paid Clapp Memorial Library,       | \$ 50.00  |           |

|                                |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid aid to 18 families,       | \$ 286.55 |           |
|                                | <hr/>     | \$ 336.55 |
| Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908, |           | \$ 162.35 |

## WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                   |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1907, | \$ 308.40 |           |
| Received Sept., 1907,             | 250.00    |           |
|                                   | <hr/>     | \$ 558.40 |
| Paid 14 families,                 |           | 262.41    |
|                                   |           | <hr/>     |
| Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1908,    |           | \$ 295.99 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Almoners.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                  |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                  |

## REPORT ON GUIDE BOARDS.

|                                        |         |           |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                         |         | \$ 150.00 |
| Paid H. C. Davis, preparing lumber for |         |           |
| guide boards,                          | \$ 5.20 |           |
| Bond & Peeso, lumber for guide boards, | 3.45    |           |
| John Brown, setting posts,             | 6.12    |           |
| E. C. Witt, plank for posts,           | 15.00   |           |
| H. C. Davis, preparing lumber for      |         |           |
| guide boards,                          | 1.25    |           |
| Charles Davis, painting, lettering &   |         |           |
| putting up guide boards,               | 83.41   |           |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$ 114.43 |
| Unexpended appropriation,              | 35.57   |           |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$ 150.00 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| D. D. HAZEN,    |   |                                          |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |



## CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer in favor of the burial ground commissioners' to the amount of, \$ 106.95

For particulars see burial ground commissioners report.

## REPORT ON SIDEWALK.

|                                       |          |           |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                        |          | \$ 100.00 |
| Paid for grading sidewalk,            | \$ 40.36 |           |
| Pratt Bros., for plank,               | 5.62     |           |
| John Wrigley, for concrete work,      | 93.92    |           |
| for patching and repairs on sidewalk, | 42.52    |           |
|                                       |          | \$ 182.42 |
| Of this amount an abutter has paid    | \$ 4.50  |           |
| Still due from an abutter,            | 69.95    |           |
|                                       |          | \$ 74.45  |
| Excess of appropriation,              |          | \$ 7.97   |

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL,<br>D. D. HAZEN,<br>E. C. WITT, | }<br>}<br>} | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

|                                                  |             |              |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| For highways and bridges, general repairs,       | \$ 2,500.00 |              |
| Street lighting,                                 | 250.00      |              |
| Town account,                                    | 2,350.00    |              |
| Pauper account,                                  | 750.00      |              |
| Cemetery account,                                | 50.00       |              |
| Memorial Day,                                    | 50.00       |              |
|                                                  |             | \$ 5,950.00  |
| Support of schools, wages, fuel, salaries, etc., |             | 5,000.00     |
|                                                  |             | \$ 10,950.00 |

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| W. E. BRIDGMAN,<br>A. D. RANDALL,<br>L. W. DILLON, | }<br>}<br>} | <i>Committee<br/>on<br/>Appropriation.</i> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|

## Report of Tree Warden.

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The Tree Warden desires to say in his report, that he believes that there is an ever increasing appreciation of and love for nature, especially in those places where she has adorned our fields and road-sides with the glorious beauty and worth of the many forms of flowers, shrubs and trees. Fortunate indeed is that town or individual that is the possessor of such a rich heritage.

The towns that are the richest in these possessions of the beauties of nature, will be the ones in the future, that are to offer the greatest attractions to people of culture and wealth to make the same their home.

Therefore it is for the interest of every inhabitant within the borders of Belchertown to encourage the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers and to feel that it is his duty to protect them in every possible way and to endeavor to co-operate with the warden in his efforts to protect the same.

The Warden is glad to state that there has been no serious outbreak of insects the past year, although neighboring cities and towns have been afflicted.

Should any person discover the Gypsy or Brown Tail Moth, he should at once notify the tree warden.

The N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co. put in operation a farmers line in the south part of the town, and as usual they did as little trimming of the trees as was possible.

Your warden is sorry to state that in a number of instances, abutters have broken the law, and trusts that these parties will see that this does not happen again.

The tree warden desires to call the attention of all owners of land, especially forest lands, to the warnings that your warden has posted, calling attention to the law that protects from cutting or injuring all public shade trees within the limits of the town.

EVERETT C. HOWARD, *Tree Warden.*



# Report of Town Clerk.

*For the year ending Dec. 31, 1907.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |   |               |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 5 | April,        | 4 | July,      | 6 | October,  | 1 |
| February,   | 2 | May,          | 4 | August,    | 4 | November, | 2 |
| March,      | 1 | June,         | 3 | September, | 7 | December  | 1 |
| Males, 22 ; |   | Females, 18 ; |   | Total, 40. |   |           |   |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                |                     |    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----|
| Number of intentions recorded, |                     | 14 |
| “ “ marriages                  | “                   | 16 |
| First Marriage,                | Males, 16; Females, | 15 |
| Second “                       | “ 1 “               | 0  |
| Youngest male married,         |                     | 21 |
| “ female “                     |                     | 18 |
| Oldest male married,           |                     | 41 |
| “ female “                     |                     | 29 |

### DEATHS.

|                                     |   |        |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,                            | 9 | April, | 6 | July,      | 4 | October,  | 2 |
| February,                           | 2 | May,   | 4 | August,    | 6 | November, | 1 |
| March,                              | 4 | June,  | 1 | September, | 4 | December, | 4 |
| Males, 29; Females, 18; Total, 47.  |   |        |   |            |   |           |   |
| Native born, 40; Foreign born, 7.   |   |        |   |            |   |           |   |
| Number of town meetings,            |   |        |   | 4          |   |           |   |
| Mortgages recorded during the year, |   |        |   | 19         |   |           |   |

## DOG LICENSE.

|                                                          |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Males, 191, at \$ 2.00,                                  | \$ 382.00 |           |
| Females, 9, at 5.00,                                     | 45.00     |           |
|                                                          | <hr/>     | \$ 427.00 |
| Paid the above amount ( less fees ) to county treasurer. |           |           |

## RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Dr. E. S. Thomson, | 21 |
| “ N. C. Haskell,   | 1  |
| “ H. A. Smith,     | 9  |
| “ R. E. Camfill,   | 2  |
| “ C. B. King,      | 1  |
| “ F. F. Dexter,    | 4  |
| “ H. G. Rockwell,  | 1  |
| “ E. F. Sullivan,  | 1  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*



## List of Jurors.

*As revised by the Selectmen, Feb. 15, 1908.*

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Fred M. Fuller,  
Eugene Randall,  
O. B. Davis,  
C. H. Davis,  
Alfred H. Hubbard,  
A. C. Smith,  
Arthur Bridgman,  
Henry H. Witt,  
Charles E. Davis,  
M. F. Austin,  
Dwight F. Shumway,  
James J. Sullivan,  
R. S. Kenfield,  
Edwin F. Shumway,

E. B. Sanford,  
E. C. Witt,  
Thomas Landers,  
Joseph Geer,  
Merrick O. Allen,  
Merrick A. Morse,  
Eugene F. Flaherty,  
Henry R. Gould,  
Edward H. Dyer,  
A. E. Pease,  
W. H. V. Belding,  
John Garvey,  
Myron A. Shaw,  
Herbert H. Barrett.





# Annual Report

OF

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Organization, March, 1907—March, 1908.

|                             |     |                            |
|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| GEO. H. B. GREEN, Chairman, | -   | Term expires, March, 1908. |
| MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, Sec'y, | -   | Term expires, March, 1909. |
| DR. STEPHEN W. PERRY,       | - - | Term expires, March, 1910. |

Superintendent of Schools.

GEO. F. ELLINWOOD, - - - Term expires, Sept., 1, 1908.

Truant Officers.

D. F. SHUMWAY,

THOMAS LANDERS.

### CALENDAR, HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term will begin March 30, and close June 19.

Fall " " " Sept. 2, " " Nov. 24.

Winter " " " Nov. 30, " " Feb. 26.

Vacation, Christmas week in all of the schools.

### CALENDAR, Other Schools.

Spring Term will begin April 6, and close June 19.

Fall " " " Sept. 7, " " Nov. 20.

Winter " " " Nov. 30, " " Feb. 12.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Belchertown : -*

I herewith present my second annual report, it being the fourth in the series of reports of the Superintendent of schools of the town : -

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The revised course of study, appended to this report, contains these changes : - four years of Latin instead of three ; four years of English instead of two and a half ; an extra term of Algebra ; Physics the entire senior year ; and four subjects required in each course, each year except the first, which has three subjects. Hitherto only three subjects were required throughout the course. These changes go far toward modernizing our High School and bringing it up to a level with other High Schools of similar size. Further revision is needed but is of little use until we can have another teacher. This is impossible without more room. Give us a new High School building, affording room for a third teacher, and we will accomplish these results : - separation of High School pupils from the smaller children, more and better work in Mathematics and Science, full preparation for any college, Institute or Normal School ( thus saving pupils from being obliged to go away to Amherst High, Williston or other schools to complete their preparation, a condition at present reflecting upon the standard of our school ), better preparation for business into which 30 % of our graduates go, opportunities for making the High School



a center for social events by providing an assembly hall and opportunities for further enrichment of the course of study by the introduction of agricultural and manual training courses. These are a few of the many things which can only come from the erection of a high school building.

I am pleased to commend the efficient instruction which the pupils are receiving this year. The ideal in education is never reached. It is easy to find fault with the schools. Destructive criticism never has done and never will do any good. The schools, however, deserve and, I am confident, will receive the hearty support of the community. Upon their prosperity depends the prosperity of the town.

#### MUSIC.

It is to be regretted that the children in the Center Schools have not been under a trained supervisor this year. Though the teachers have labored faithfully in carrying out the course as given by the music supervisor of last year, yet they themselves feel the need of supervision. However, we appreciate the fact that money has been left for this very purpose by Mrs. Harriet D. Longley, to be known as the George W. Longley fund. This will put the music on a permanent basis.

#### TEXT-BOOKS.

Through your liberality, several high school text-books were introduced during the year. In general the books now in use in the high school are modern and up-to-date. In the graded and rural schools also we have good books in geography, spelling, language, history and supplementary reading. Our greatest need is arithmetics. It is an actual fact that one-half of the children have no book suitable for their use. Teachers are perplexed to select from the text-books now in use, examples and problems adapted to their classes. In many cases pupils are a year behind in their number work, from where they would be under a different system. I would urge upon you the necessity of early introducing new arithmetics. I refrain



from mentioning other needed changes believing that the town ought not to assume too great a burden at once.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER.

VACCINATION. A brief investigation discloses the fact that the majority of our children have never been vaccinated, and, as far as I am able to learn, no attempt has ever been made to carry out the State law which is as follows : -

( Revised Laws Chap. 44, as amended by Chap. 371, Acts of 1906, and Chap. 215, Acts of 1907. )

"A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon the presentation of a certificate granted for cause stated therein, signed by a regular practicing physician, that he is not a fit subject for vaccination."

To avoid any possible epidemic of small-pox, and that we may be law-abiders, I recommend that beginning with Sept. 1, 1908, the law be enforced in Belchertown. Ample time then will be given for children to be vaccinated during the summer.

CHRISTMAS. I believe it is well for teachers to call the attention of the children to the joys of Christmas. But when the regular work of the school is interrupted and when the teachers are burdened for two and three weeks prior to Christmas, then it is time to give up the public exercises in the schools. When the children have similar exercises at school and then again at church, the thing is overdone. With a limited number of weeks of schooling anyway, we need all our time on school work.

GRADING AT THE CENTER SCHOOLS. A step in advance was taken this year by arranging for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades in the grammar school room. It will now be possible to bring up the standard of work so that pupils as they enter the high school will be better able to take up high school subjects. Owing to the large number of classes necessary in the primary room, it is probable that in the near future it will be wise to have the eight grades in four rooms, with two grades in each room.



### PROGRESS NOTED.

READING. During the past year, there has been marked improvement in the reading throughout the schools. This is due partly to better instruction by the teachers, but is largely due to two reasons: (1) pupils who were reading too difficult matter, were put into books adapted to their capability, and (2) more supplementary readers have been used than formerly and these have given added interest.

DECORATIONS. The Art Exhibit held last May, secured for the Center Schools large, attractive pictures and smaller ones for the rural schools. This will aid in permanently beautifying the school rooms and save them from the old-time barrenness, so characteristic when teachers were changed.

SCHOOL-GROUNDS. Many of the school-grounds have been improved by the removal of brush, rocks and debris, by the placing of the school name in a prominent place and in a few instances by the planting of trees. The work at Union and Franklin Schools is especially to be commended. Many others have shown interest in this good work.

SCHOOL GARDENS. The effort made by the pupils to have gardens either at home or at school met with many discouragements, chief among them being the cold late spring. The school exhibit also in the fall did not adequately represent the results obtained, inasmuch as frosts reached us before the exhibit. The undertaking, though an experiment, demonstrated the fact that it is easy to interest the children in nature. I believe that many valuable lessons were learned by those pupils who had gardens.

### SIGHT AND HEARING TEST.

|                                     | 1907 | 1908 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Number of pupils examined,          | 392  | 409  |
| Number found defective in eyesight, | 54   | 32   |
| Per cent " " " "                    | 13.7 | 7.8  |
| Number " " " hearing,               | 14   | 5    |
| Per cent " " " "                    | 3.5  | 1.2  |



Two years is not sufficient time upon which to base many definite conclusions. Yet it would seem that the decrease in number of defectives in sight especially was due to the fact that many parents have given heed to the notices sent and their children's eyes have received treatment. In a few instances children are still suffering for the need of glasses whose parents have failed to realize their condition, or do not feel able to purchase glasses for them. Possibly charity may come in with assistance in such cases.

### CONSOLIDATION.

I cannot close my report without again calling your attention to the subject of closing our smaller schools. One of our Western states has recently passed a law compelling school authorities to close all schools where there are less than 12 pupils and transport them. I would not advise this extreme action, but I believe you should know how small some of our schools are, and the conditions which exist in them.

Lake Vale is composed of all French children. They are bright and studious, but need to attend school where they will hear more English. Instead, the language at recess is French. In this school there are 9 children including one state child, all from four neighboring houses. These children could easily be carried either to Union or Federal street, at a distance of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 miles.

Blue Meadow has 8 boys and 1 lonely girl. It is simply too bad for this girl to grow up without a girl playmate. This school still has the old-fashioned wooden benches and is in need of repairs. It will cost at least \$ 150.00 to put this building in suitable shape for continued use. Is this advisable under such conditions? I believe these children should be transported and the school closed.

Laurel has 8 children. Two will be ready for our eighth grade next year. Two live almost as near the center as their own school. These should be brought to the center or else the majority of the East Hill pupils who live on one and the same road, should be brought down to the Laurel school. East Hill



has 8 regular pupils of which 2 are state children.

It has seemed wise to reopen West Hill which has been closed for a year as the number of children had increased to 10.

Cold Spring will doubtless have only 9 pupils next term. To arrange for transporting these children would be a difficult matter, as they are quite scattered. Yet here is a school building in deplorable condition. It will cost fully \$ 200.00 to put it in good shape. What shall be done?

Few people realize how expensive a small district school is. The facts are that the cost of a pupil at the Center School is \$ 14.00 per year, and in these small schools \$ 28.00 per year, or just twice as much. It cannot be denied that our smaller schools have poorer equipment, teachers with smaller salaries, and generally with less experience, and are more expensive than our Center Graded schools. Therefore, I believe in consolidating our smaller schools.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

A table of statistics will be found appended to this report. I am grateful for your kind support, for the words of appreciation received from parents and the cordial cooperation of the teachers and public during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. ELLINWOOD, *Supt. of Schools.*

# Belchertown High School.

## COURSE OF STUDY

### ENGLISH COURSE

### LATIN-SCIENTIFIC COURSE

|                                        |                     |           |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1st. yr. English ( Comp. & Rhetoric )  | English             | 5 hours   |
| Arithmetic 1 term                      | Arithmetic 1 term   | } 5 hours |
| Algebra 2 terms                        | Algebra 2 terms     |           |
| Phy. Geo. 2 terms                      | Latin ( beginners ) | 5 hours   |
| Botany 1                               |                     |           |
| }                                      |                     |           |
| 2nd. yr. Eng. ( Rhetoric & Am. Lit. )  | English             | 3 hours   |
| Algebra                                | Algebra             | 5 hours   |
| Ancient History                        | Ancient History     | 4 hours   |
| Civics 2 terms                         | Caesar              | 5 hours   |
| Physiology 1 term                      |                     |           |
| }                                      |                     |           |
| 3rd. yr. English Literature            | English Literature  | 3 hours   |
| Geometry                               | Geometry            | 5 hours   |
| French                                 | French              | 5 hours   |
| Eng. Hist. 2 terms                     | Cicero              | 4 hours   |
| Chemistry 1 term                       |                     |           |
| }                                      |                     |           |
| 4th. yr. Eng. (Lit. with Gram. Review) | English             | 4 hours   |
| French                                 | French              | 4 hours   |
| Pol. Economy 2 terms                   | Virgil              | 5 hours   |
| Arith. Review 1 term                   |                     |           |
| }                                      |                     |           |
| Physics                                | Physics             | 4 hours   |



BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB., 13, 1908.

*To the School Committee:*

I have received during the year from the School Committee, Teachers and Supt., 10 summonses to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school. I found it necessary to take one man before the court for wilfully keeping his child from attending school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

# GRADUATION

# Class of 1907

## Belchertown High School

1907

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE THE FOURTEENTH

At eight o'clock

### Latin-Scientific Course

HORACE J. ADKINS  
MARION ELIZABETH BRIDGMAN  
WILLIAM JOSEPH SULLIVAN

### English Course

CHARLES F. AUSTIN  
F. RAYMOND AUSTIN  
MARCELLA A. CARMODY  
HARRY RICHARD GOULD  
JOSEPH RAYMOND GOULD  
PEARL FERN ORLANDO  
RUFUS H. PIERCE  
HOWARD SPENCER  
FANNIE ELIZABETH THAYER  
EFFIE WITT

### Class Honors

MARION ELIZABETH BRIDGMAN  
MARCELLA A. CARMODY  
HORACE J. ADKINS

CLASS COLORS Orange and black CLASS MOTTO Loyalty has no shame.



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REV. J. B. ADKINS

HIGH SCHOOL

People's Struggle for Political Liberty---with Salutatory  
MARCELLA A. CARMODY

he Income Tax

WILLIAM JOSEPH SULLIVAN

he Flying Machine and its Inventors

HOWARD SPENCER

Modern Ideals in Citizenship

FANNIE ELIZABETH THAYER

Who is Sylvia?

HIGH SCHOOL

The Great Natural Bridges of Utah

HARRY RICHARD GOULD

Modern Ideals In Education

PEARL FERN ORLANDO

Our Own State

RUFUS H. PIERCE

*Volks-melodie*

The High Tide at Gettysburg

CHARLES F. AUSTIN

The Beautiful Blue Danube

HIGH SCHOOL

The Woman's Club

EFFIE WITT

The Preservation of Forests

HORACE J. ADKINS

China's Military Growth

F. RAYMOND AUSTIN

The Place of Athletics in Education

JOSEPH RAYMOND GOULD

The Old Guard

HIGH SCHOOL

Music in the Life of the Individual---with Valedictory

MARION ELIZABETH BRIDGMAN

Presentation of Diplomas

MR. ELLINWOOD,  
Superintendent of Schools

Class Song

CLASS OF 1907

*Strauss*

*Rodney*

*Schubert*

*Abt*

## SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                  |             |              |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance Feb. 15, 1907,           | \$ 2,336.38 |              |
| Appropriation, March, 1907,      | 5,200.00    |              |
| Received from State School fund, | 1,229.99    |              |
| “ “ Superintendency fund,        | 900.00      |              |
| “ “ Bridgman H. S. “             | 242.40      |              |
| “ for tuition of state wards,    | 466.50      |              |
| “ “ “ Ludlow pupils,             | 8.50        |              |
| “ “ supplies sold,               | .95         |              |
|                                  | <hr/>       | \$ 10,384.72 |

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

|                                |             |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Teachers' wages from treasury, | \$ 5,754.27 |              |
| “ “ “ Bridgman fund,           | 242.40      |              |
| School supervision,            | 1,274.63    |              |
| Books and supplies, net,       | 272.14      |              |
| Fuel,                          | 322.97      |              |
| Janitors,                      | 133.50      |              |
| Miscellaneous items,           | 91.63       |              |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$ 8,091.54  |
| Unexpended balance,            | 2,293.18    |              |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$ 10,384.72 |

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Balance Feb. 15, 1907,      | \$ 80.00 |           |
| Appropriation, March, 1907, | 300.00   |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 380.00 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                      |           |           |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid Oakley Paddock, | \$ 106.40 |           |
| Unexpended balance,  | 273.60    |           |
|                      | <hr/>     | \$ 380.00 |



## TOWN ACCOUNT.

|                                    |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation for general repairs, | \$ 350.00 |           |
| Balance March 1, 1907,             | 67.89     |           |
| Received for lumber,               | 7.60      |           |
|                                    | <hr/>     | \$ 425.49 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                         |          |           |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid C. W. Morse, painting Federal,     | \$ 40.00 |           |
| “ “ “ “ & papering Franklin,            | 110.22   |           |
| for slate black-boards, Federal,        | 16.12    |           |
| Alvin Cutting, setting same,            | 4.00     |           |
| S. A. Hodgkins, repairs, Center,        | 13.40    |           |
| W. L. Kimball, “ East Hill,             | 3.50     |           |
| C. H. Walker, “                         | 3.00     |           |
| E. B. Lane, “ Holyoke,                  | .50      |           |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies,                  | 17.16    |           |
| Arthur Bridgman, supplies,              | 6.23     |           |
| H. A. Hopkins, “                        | 2.10     |           |
| Mrs. M. D. S. Longley paid for repairs, | 13.31    |           |
| Dr. S. W. Perry “ “ “                   | 8.25     |           |
| Geo. H. B. Green “ “ “                  | 21.59    |           |
|                                         | <hr/>    | \$ 259.38 |
| Unexpended balance,                     | 166.11   |           |
|                                         | <hr/>    | \$ 425.49 |

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## DETAILED STATEMENT.

## TEACHERS' WAGES.

|              |                     | Weeks            |                        |           |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| High School, | C. T. Falknor,      | 12               | \$ 27.77 $\frac{7}{9}$ | \$ 333.34 |
| “ “          | E. C. Polk,         | 24               | “                      | 666.68    |
| “ “          | Almira Wallace,     | 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ | 13.88 $\frac{7}{8}$    | 161.12    |
| “ “          | Helen J. Goodspeed, | 24               | “                      | 333.33    |

|                |                        |                  |          |           |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Center Gram.,  | Mary G. Ryan,          | 11               | \$ 10.00 | \$ 110.00 |
| “ “            | “ “                    | 21               | 12.00    | 252.00    |
| “ Int.         | Marion E. Bartlett,    | 32               | 10.00    | 320.00    |
| “ Prim.        | S. Belle Snow,         | 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10.00    | 212.00    |
| “ “            | Mrs. Alma Bartlett,    | 10               | 10.00    | 100.00    |
| Cold Spring,   | Bridget C. Fitzgerald, | 11               | 6.50     | 71.50     |
| “ “            | “ “                    | 20               | 7.00     | 140.00    |
| “ “            | Myrtle Kezar,          | 1                |          | 7.50      |
| Franklin Gram. | Nellie G. Shea,        | 11               | 7.50     | 82.50     |
| “ “            | “ “                    | 21               | 8.00     | 168.00    |
| “ Pri.         | Nellie Sullivan,       | 32               | 9.00     | 288.00    |
| Liberty,       | Alma G. Russell,       | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00     |
| “              | Catherine Moynihan,    | 21               | 9.00     | 189.00    |
| Washington,    | Myrtle Kezar,          | 11               | 6.00     | 66.00     |
| “              | Elsie E. Frary,        | 21               | 6.00     | 126.00    |
| Rock Rimmon,   | Edith Towne,           | 11               | 8.00     | 88.00     |
| “ “            | Amy B. Crombie,        | 21               | 9.00     | 189.00    |
| Chestnut Hill, | Lucy J. Jacobs,        | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00     |
| “ “            | Alma G. Russell,       | 17               | 9.00     | 153.00    |
| “ “            | Miss Arnold,           | 1                |          | 7.00      |
| “ “            | Clara Pierce,          | 3                | 7.00     | 21.00     |
| Holyoke,       | Eular B. Lane,         | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00     |
| “              | Grace Thayer,          | 21               | 7.00     | 147.00    |
| Federal,       | Iva G. White,          | 32               | 8.00     | 256.00    |
| Lake Vale,     | Libbie C. Gutberlett,  | 32               | 7.00     | 224.00    |
| Union,         | Alma R. Gold,          | 12               | 8.00     | 96.00     |
| “ “            | “ “                    | 21               | 10.00    | 210.00    |
| West Hill,     | Rose I. Dostol,        | 10               | 6.00     | 60.00     |
| East Hill,     | Sadie A. Tilley,       | $\frac{3}{5}$    | 6.50     | 3.90      |
| “ “            | Ella A. Stebbins,      | 19               | 5.00     | 95.00     |
| “ “            | Ruby F. Knight,        | 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ | 7.00     | 86.80     |
| Laurel,        | Grace Thayer,          | 11               | 5.50     | 60.50     |
| “              | Edith Towne,           | 21               | 8.00     | 168.00    |
| Blue Meadow,   | May Carmody,           | 11               | 5.50     | 60.50     |
| “ “            | “ “                    | 21               | 7.00     | 147.00    |

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\$ 5,996.67

Less paid from Bridgman fund,

242.40

Paid from town treasury,

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\$ 5,754.27



## JANITORS.

|                                 |          |           |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| S. A. Hodgkins, center schools, | \$ 90.00 |           |
| Paid in other schools,          | 43.50    |           |
|                                 | <hr/>    | \$ 133.50 |

## FUEL.

|                    |         |           |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| F. B. Alden,       | \$ 2.50 |           |
| Guy C. Allen, Jr., | 18.00   |           |
| M. C. Bardwell,    | 1.00    |           |
| E. R. Blackmer,    | 44.00   |           |
| Geo. H. B. Green,  | 15.00   |           |
| P. J. Landers,     | 2.00    |           |
| James Peeso,       | 7.85    |           |
| Pratt Brothers,    | 20.62   |           |
| Shumway and Green, | 47.50   |           |
| John M. Sullivan,  | 42.00   |           |
| Thomas Sullivan,   | 36.00   |           |
| Geo. S. Warner,    | 23.50   |           |
| Edgar C. Witt,     | 63.00   |           |
|                    | <hr/>   | \$ 322.97 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                         |         |  |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| American Book Co.,      | \$ 4.22 |  |
| E. E. Babb & Co.,       | 66.30   |  |
| A. H. Bartlett,         | 8.59    |  |
| Arthur Bridgman,        | 1.40    |  |
| C. C. Burchard,         | 5.07    |  |
| Ginn & Co.,             | 68.31   |  |
| J. C. Hammett Co.,      | 14.62   |  |
| D. L. Hazen,            | 5.71    |  |
| D. C. Heath & Co.,      | 39.24   |  |
| Houghton Mifflin & Co., | 9.44    |  |
| C. Howard Hunt,         | 4.20    |  |
| C. E. Merrill & Co.,    | 10.82   |  |

|                         |         |           |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Mineral Tablet Ink Co., | \$ 1.75 |           |
| B. H. Sanborn,          | 16.25   |           |
| Silver, Burdette & Co., | 11.87   |           |
| Louis Tetrault,         | 2.25    |           |
| Mrs. M. D. S. Longley,  | 2.10    |           |
|                         | <hr/>   | \$ 272.14 |

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#### COST OF SUPERVISION.

|                                   |          |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, salary, | \$ 50.00 |             |
| Dr. S. W. Perry, " last year,     | 30.00    |             |
| " " " " " "                       | 20.00    |             |
| Geo. H. B. Green, " "             | 72.63    |             |
| Geo. F. Ellinwood, Supt., " "     | 1,080.00 |             |
| D. F. Shumway, truant officer,    | 20.00    |             |
| Thos. Landers, " " "              | 2.00     |             |
|                                   | <hr/>    | \$ 1,274.63 |

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#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                       |          |             |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Diplomas for graduates,               | \$ 13.45 |             |
| Rent of church, 1906,                 | 5.00     |             |
| " " " 1907,                           | 10.00    |             |
| Tuning piano,                         | 2.00     |             |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing, etc.,       | 12.19    |             |
| Mr. Ellinwood, postage, etc.,         | 5.90     |             |
| Freight, express, & cartage,          | 19.27    |             |
| Postage, telephone, R. R. fare, etc., | 15.82    |             |
| Mrs. Longley, taking school census,   | 6.00     |             |
| Dr. E. S. Thomson, services,          | 2.00     |             |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$ 91.63    |
| Transportation,                       |          | 106.40      |
|                                       |          | <hr/>       |
| Total charged school account,         |          | \$ 7,955.54 |
| " " town "                            |          | 259.38      |
|                                       |          | <hr/>       |
| Total approved by school committee,   |          | \$ 8,214.92 |



## UNEXPENDED BALANCES.

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| School account, regular, | \$ 2,293.18       |
| “ “ transportation,      | 273.60            |
| Town “ repairs,          | 166.11            |
|                          | ————— \$ 2,732.89 |

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Candidates admitted to the Eighth Grade, June 22, 1907.

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Florence Baggs,   | Daniel Coleman, |
| Anna Coleman,     | Paul Squires.   |
| Olive Lapolice,   |                 |
| Gertrude Pervier, |                 |
| Mary Sanford,     |                 |
| Minnie Stadler,   |                 |

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Candidates admitted to High School, June 22, 1907.

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| May Austin,     | Francis Austin,  |
| Maud Austin,    | Raymond Gay,     |
| Marie Davis,    | Samuel Hartley,  |
| Sadie Demorest, | Aubrey Lapolice, |
| Mabel Bradley,  | William Shaw,    |
| Grace Little,   | Clifton Witt,    |
| Adell Ransom,   | Fred Wood.       |
| Agnes Riley,    |                  |
| Doris Spellman, |                  |
| Eva Crafts,     |                  |
| Alice Pervier,  |                  |

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EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for admission to the eighth grade in the Center School, and to the High School, will be examined in the High School rooms, Saturday, June 20, examinations to begin at 9 o'clock A. M.

To correct a false impression which seems to be entertained by some, the Committee wish to state that no child is *compelled* to attend the Center School to take eighth grade work. Teachers in all of the outlying schools are prepared to teach these studies; the Committee simply *allow* those pupils who prefer to do so, to take them in the Center Grammar School.

In the kind Providence of God we have not often been called to record the death of a member of our schools; but in the year now closing, a member of the Senior class of the High School, 'Miss Julia O' Connor, a bright, attractive girl, loved by all her school companions, was suddenly stricken with disease, and after a short illness, was called from earth.

One of the many lessons we may learn from this sad event is, that if we have any work of love to do for others, to-day is our opportunity, tomorrow may not be ours.

In one of the school registers returned to the school committee, was found a copy of the lines quoted below. We infer that they were an inspiration to one teacher, and as they express our thought in regard to the work of every teacher, we insert them here.

#### "THE TEACHERS' REWARD."

"Think not, O Teacher, at close of the day,  
That thy work has been lost from view,  
Because from the members of thy small flock  
Not all have been perfect and true.  
Perchance in the most unresponsive breast,  
A bright spark of truth may be found,  
That will brighten and grow under cheering word,  
Till it lighten the world around.

Look not for sudden and wonderful growth,  
But cheerfully wait on His plan;  
And some day, from under thy moulding hand  
There shall come forth the earnest man.  
Then surely thou'lt see that thy careful work,  
Has brought forth a fruit manifold;  
And each new success by thy pupil achieved  
Brings a pleasure far better than gold."



## APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

|                                                                                                                                                                                 |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| For support of schools, — To include teachers' wages, cost of fuel, books, supplies, and incidentals, salary of School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers and Janitors, | \$ 5,400.00 |             |
| For general repairs,                                                                                                                                                            | 200.00      |             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 | <hr/>       | \$ 5,600.00 |

|                      |   |                                                 |
|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------|
| GEO. H. B. GREEN,    | } | <i>School Committee<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, |   |                                                 |
| DR. S. W. PERRY,     |   |                                                 |

# SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole Number. | No. enrolled. | No. under 5. | No. over 15. | No. between 5 and 15. | No. between 7 and 14. | Average membership. | Average attendance. | Per cent attendance. | Cases of tardiness. | Cases of truancy. | Cases of corp. punishment. | Visits of Supt. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| High. . . . .                | 83            | 61            | 0            | 46           | 15                    | 8                     | 60.84               | 55.5                | 91.36                | 310                 | 2                 | 0                          | 22              |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 53            | 26            | 0            | 2            | 24                    | 18                    | 28.8                | 26.8                | 92.8                 | 61                  | 1                 | 0                          | 15              |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 32            | 23            | 0            | 0            | 23                    | 23                    | 18.26               | 17.68               | 96.71                | 31                  | 0                 | 0                          | 18              |
| Center Primary . . . . .     | 45            | 40            | 1            | 0            | 39                    | 26                    | 29.48               | 27.65               | 93.3                 | 148                 | 0                 | 1                          | 19              |
| Cold Spring. . . . .         | 19            | 17            | 0            | 1            | 16                    | 13                    | 13.                 | 12.                 | 95.                  | 16                  | 0                 | 1                          | 14              |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 23            | 15            | 0            | 0            | 15                    | 15                    | 17.1                | 16.5                | 96.                  | 0                   | 0                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 50            | 46            | 0            | 0            | 46                    | 26                    | 32.24               | 30.22               | 93.88                | 0                   | 4                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 37            | 34            | 0            | 0            | 34                    | 30                    | 27.07               | 25.12               | 92.87                | 16                  | 2                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Washington . . . . .         | 26            | 24            | 0            | 0            | 24                    | 23                    | 19.58               | 13.81               | 70.53                | 134                 | 1                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        | 18            | 15            | 0            | 0            | 15                    | 11                    | 15.05               | 14.13               | 93.5                 | 67                  | 2                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 25            | 21            | 0            | 0            | 21                    | 17                    | 20.20               | 18.99               | 93.78                | 69                  | 0                 | 0                          | 15              |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 26            | 26            | 0            | 0            | 26                    | 21                    | 17.63               | 13.99               | 77.7                 | 109                 | 0                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Federal . . . . .            | 23            | 22            | 1            | 0            | 21                    | 18                    | 20.75               | 18.89               | 91.07                | 125                 | 1                 | 6                          | 16              |
| Lake Vale . . . . .          | 15            | 14            | 0            | 0            | 14                    | 12                    | 9.53                | 8.87                | 93.3                 | 115                 | 2                 | 2                          | 14              |
| Union. . . . .               | 23            | 22            | 0            | 0            | 22                    | 14                    | 15.71               | 14.43               | 91.                  | 0                   | 0                 | 0                          | 17              |
| West Hill . . . . .          | 10            | 0             | 0            | 0            | 10                    | 10                    | 9.66                | 8.02                | 82.98                | 35                  | 0                 | 0                          | 5               |
| East Hill. . . . .           | 18            | 18            | 0            | 2            | 16                    | 15                    | 12.83               | 11.81               | 92.76                | 99                  | 0                 | 0                          | 14              |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 11            | 11            | 0            | 0            | 11                    | 9                     | 9.1                 | 8.08                | 88.79                | 7                   | 0                 | 0                          | 12              |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 12            | 10            | 0            | 0            | 10                    | 8                     | 9.4                 | 8.6                 | 90.88                | 20                  | 2                 | 0                          | 14              |
|                              | 549           | 455           | 2            | 51           | 402                   | 317                   | 386.23              | 351.09              | 90.43                | 1362                | 17                | 10                         | 279             |



# Roll of Honor.

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## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE SEVEN YEARS.

Florence Baggs.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE SIX YEARS.

Ruth Jackson.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Anna Coleman.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Henry Martin.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Maria Baggs,                      Dwight Moody,  
Beatrice Squires.

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lillian Austin,  | Blake Jackson,    |
| Luella Bardwell, | Helen Moody,      |
| Daniel Coleman,  | Eda Stadler,      |
| George Forrest,  | Anna Sullivan,    |
| Parker Freeman,  | John J. Sullivan, |
| Clifford Geer,   | Carlton White.    |

## PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Helen Austin,    | Stanley Murray, |
| Beatrice Bolter, | Harry Paul,     |
| Edna Damon,      | Waring Randall, |
| Orrin Davis,     | Mabel Randolph, |
| Ethel Dewey,     | John Rys,       |
| Harry Fillmore,  | Edward Sneider, |

Jean Forrest,  
Kathleen Forrest,  
Esther McFadyen,  
George Moody,

Clarke Spellman,  
Susie Squires,  
Lucy Warner,  
Jennie Wludyka,

Lena Wludyka.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Harold Allen,  
Sadie Ann,  
Lowdzer Antanovitch,  
George Ardill,  
Alice Austin,  
May Austin,  
Isabel Bardwell,  
Paul Barrett,  
Mabel Bradley,  
William Bridgman,  
Eldiva Brown,  
Walter Campbell,  
Herbert Canterbury,  
Francis Carew,  
Julia Cavanaugh,  
Etta Condon,  
Forrest Corey,  
Carl Cummings,  
Fred Damon,  
Marie Davis,  
Corrinne Debuque,  
Olive Demorest,  
Sadie Demorest,  
Rachel Fay,  
Charlotte Fillmore,  
Elizabeth Fitzgerald,  
Everett Geer,  
Frances Gould,  
Alice Hanifin,  
Robert Hanifin,

Ruth Hanifin,  
Ethel Hurlburt,  
Esther Jackson,  
William Kearney,  
Minnie Kenfield,  
Patrick Keyes,  
Patrick Landers,  
Stanley LeBida,  
George LeGrand,  
Glenn Little,  
John Lyndahl,  
Georgia Marsh,  
Rose Marsh,  
Emma Martin,  
Ida McCulloch,  
Earl Moody,  
James Moore,  
Stafie Murray,  
Wilfred Noel,  
Alice Pervier,  
John Pranaitis,  
Earl Randall,  
Waring Randall,  
Charles Reardon,  
Gertrude Riley,  
Edward Rys,  
Joseph Rys,  
Stanley Rys,  
Julia Sanford,  
Roland Shaw,



Anna Shea,  
Gertrude Shea,  
Margaret Shea,  
Michael Shea,  
Clifford Sheldon,  
Gladys Small,  
Lillian Small,  
Doris Spellman,  
Paul Squires,  
Emma Stadler,

Mary Sullivan,  
Mildred Sullivan,  
Florence Thompson,  
Clarence Washburn,  
Godfrey Wenzel,  
Carl White,  
Ella Witowsky,  
Flora Wludyka,  
Peter Wludyka,  
Mabel Wood.

# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the second day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To Choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner, for three years, also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, vote "yes" or "no" all on one ballot in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town, November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: One Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners



of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, to include teachers' salaries, the cost of fuel, school books, and other supplies, salaries of School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers, Janitors and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repair of school-houses.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray pauper expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges and to take such action on said repairs as the town shall deem best.

ART. 10. To listen to the report of the special committee appointed at the annual town meeting, March 4, 1907, to make investigations relative to the needs of the center schools; to take action regarding this report; and appropriate any sum of money necessary to carry out this action; and choose any committee to expend the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to instruct the overseers of the poor to make any changes in the heating arrangements in the house at the Town Farm, and appropriate money for same and act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to accept from the Harriette D. Longley estate, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, the income from which is to be used for the purpose of furnishing instruction in music in the High School in Belchertown and is to be known as "The George W. Longley Fund," and to take action relative to its investment and the custody of its income.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of Five Hundred Dollars from the Harriette D. Longley estate, for the perpetual care of the following lots in Mt Hope Cemetery: the Nathaniel Dwight family lot, the Duncan and Root lot adjoining, and the Joab Bartlett lot.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars from the Frank B. Lawrence estate, for the perpetual care of the Myron Lawrence lot in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept from the heirs of the late Lyman Rice, the sum of one hundred dollars and apply the income



of the same for keeping in repair perpetually the two contiguous lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery in which the respective families of Lyman Rice and William Bennett lie buried.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of fifty dollars from H. B. Anderson for the perpetual care of the lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery where lie buried Daniel Marsh and J. V. Thomson.

ART. 17. To see if the town will reimburse Clarence Lamson for labor done on the highway.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds, stationery and postage of the Tax Collector in addition to his present salary.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to close its fiscal year Feb. 1, instead of Feb. 15.

ART. 20. To see if the town will elect an agent or agents to defend its suit brought by George F. Lincoln, and act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to accept sums of money for the perpetual care of lots in any of the several cemeteries as they in their discretion may deem wise, and act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to have the Assessors' Valuation list printed, and act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to pay to Mrs. Sarah T. D. Robinson or her representative, a sum of money for the grass on the Highland property, equal to the amount of the tax on the said property, this year and each succeeding year, until some further action is taken by the town.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars, for the use of Post 97, of the Grand Army, for Memorial Day exercises.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the house formerly owned by Sylvester Smith, past the Reddington Munsell place as far as the cemetery.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to guarantee the payment of such bonds as may be issued by the Belchertown Fire District when incorporated, said bonds not to exceed \$ 30,000.00, and to be used to defray the expenses of building a water supply system in said district.



Said District being within the territory enclosed by the following boundary lines, to wit : - Beginning in the Easterly location line of the Boston and Maine Railroad at a point where said line intersects the Southerly line of the land of the estate of P. and E. Butler ; thence Easterly and Northerly along land of said estate and land of Charles Pratt crossing the Northampton road to the Main road leading to Amherst ; thence Northerly on said last named road to the intersection of the road leading past the house of Lyman Jenks ; thence Easterly along said last named road passing the house of E. S. Snow to Jabish Brook ; thence Southerly along the Jabish Brook to the Main road leading from Belchertown to Enfield ; thence Westerly on said road to the intersection of a new road leading to Dyer's mill ; thence Southerly along said new road and another road leading Southerly from Dyer's mill to the Southeast corner of land of D. P. Spencer ; thence Westerly along land of said Spencer to the road leading from Belchertown to Ware ; thence Southwesterly to the South side of land of H. C. West ; thence Westerly on land of said H. C. West to the road leading from Belchertown to Palmer ; thence Southwesterly in a straight line to a point where the Southerly side of the road leading from Belchertown to Springfield intersects the Easterly location line of the Boston and Maine Railroad ; thence Northwesterly in a straight line to the intersection of the Granby road and Stacy's Lane ; thence on Stacy's lane to said Stacy's house ; thence Northerly to the corner of the highway leading past the houses of Harriet Hamilton and said Butler estate ; thence Northerly on said last named highway to land of the said Hamilton ; thence on line of land of said Hamilton and land of the Town Farm to the location line of land of the said Boston and Maine Railroad ; thence Northerly along said location line of said Boston and Maine Railroad to the place of beginning.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of lighting the streets for the year ensuing.

ART. 28. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the selectmen and treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 29. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes, that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 30. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of town house.

ART. 31. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three, to be known as the committee on appropriations, who shall carefully investigate and report to the next annual meeting, the amounts needed in the several departments to be expended the ensuing year.

ART. 33. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors presented by the selectmen.

ART. 34. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds.

ART. 35. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February A. D. 1908.

NELSON RANDALL,  
D. D. HAZEN,  
E. C. WITT,

}

*Selectmen  
of  
Belchertown.*



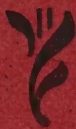








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## Assessors' Report.

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|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Valuation of real estate,     | \$ 757,070.00 |
| Valuation of personal estate, | 158,885.00    |
|                               | \$915,955.00  |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$ 15.30 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$ 11,583.17 |
| Tax on personal estate, | 2,430.94     |
| Tax on 559 polls,       | 1,118.00     |
|                         | \$ 15,132.11 |

. WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS :

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$ 11,400.00 |
| State tax,                          | 1,485.00     |
| State highway tax,                  | 28.35        |
| County tax,                         | 1,325.89     |
| Bridge tax,                         | 540.00       |
| Overlayings,                        | 352.87       |
|                                     | \$ 15,132.11 |

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Added assessment,                   | \$ 31.82 |
| Residents assessed on property,     | 533      |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 154      |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 187      |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,970   |
| Horses,                             | 509      |
| Cows,                               | 1,337    |
| Neat cattle, other than cows,       | 304      |
| Sheep,                              | 26       |
| Swine,                              | 136      |
| Fowls,                              | 3,256    |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 501      |

|                   |   |              |
|-------------------|---|--------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR. | } | Assessors    |
| A. L. PRATT,      |   | of           |
| F. B. ALDEN,      |   | Belchertown. |

## Collector's Report.

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|                                                        |      |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|------------|
| What A. E. Pease left uncollected for the year of 1906 | was  | \$ 342.66  |
| “ “ “ “ “                                              | 1907 | “ 2,081.04 |

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|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Making a total of | \$ 2,423.70 |
|-------------------|-------------|

I have settled with the Town for this amount.

Amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors'

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| warrant, dated Sept. 1, 1908, | \$ 15,132.11 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Added assessments, | 31.82 |
|--------------------|-------|

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|--------|--------------|
| Total, | \$ 15,163.93 |
|--------|--------------|

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| I have collected and paid to the Treasurer, | 12,600.31 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|

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|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance in Collector's hands, | \$ 2,563.62 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*



# Report of Supt. of Highways.

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*For the fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1909.*

District bounderies, persons employed and amount expended for general repairs exclusive of bridges.

Paid F. M. Fuller, last year's account, \$ 76.25

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Beginning at Post Office, going north on Amherst road to Chandler four corners, thence from Federal St. watering tank past Bruce place to Comb's corner, thence from said corner on Enfield road to the Post Office, also the road leading past the houses of Herbert Barrett and C. H. Snow and east side of common, New St., etc., thence from Main St., near the house of James A. Peeso on Maple St., to Town Farm corner.

Beginning again at Post Office, going southerly on Palmer road to Leach crossing, thence from near the residence of Addison Bartlett on Ware road to corner of mill road at old Forward cemetery, thence on mill road to E. H. Dyer's mill, thence from Dyer's mill to Miss Hattie Moody's place to Enfield road, also the new road from Enfield road near the house of O. B. Davis leading to Dyer's mill to old mill road, also the road lately built leading from a point near the house of the late A. B. Howard to Depot St.

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Paid D. F. Shumway, labor, | \$ 149.99 |
| W. A. Sauer,           “   | 64.00     |
| William Kibbe,       “     | 50.36     |
| Fred Squires,       “      | 13.12     |
| Charles Pratt,       “     | 13.12     |

|                              |         |           |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Paid Robert Thompson, labor, | \$ 4.50 |           |
| J. J. Archambault, "         | 6.99    |           |
| Dwight Jepson, "             | 3.50    |           |
| James Miller, "              | 4.37    |           |
| Henry Ann, "                 | 1.50    |           |
| L. W. Dillon, gravel,        | 1.00    |           |
| William Hannum,              | .60     |           |
| Ira Squires,                 | 2.75    |           |
| Louraine Squires,            | .50     |           |
|                              | <hr/>   | \$ 316.30 |

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Beginning at corner of Pelham road and Federal St. near the house of Mrs. C. A. Powell, going north on Pelham road to Pratt Brothers' Mill, also on Enfield and Amherst road from Chandler's four corners past the house of Lyman Jenks and Everett Snow to the corner near the house of Guy C. Allen, also the road leading from the Main road past the house of F. S. Wilson to the Almon Lovett place.

|                                          |          |           |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor,                 | \$ 16.80 |           |
| H. D. " "                                | 20.00    |           |
| F. E. " "                                | 17.00    |           |
| W. M. Shaw, "                            | 17.00    |           |
| Robert Thompson                          | 5.25     |           |
| W. M. Sauer                              | 12.00    |           |
| D. F. Shumway                            | 12.00    |           |
| William Kibbe,                           | 5.25     |           |
| C. L. Jenks,                             | 4.00     |           |
| N. H. Blackmer,                          | 7.00     |           |
| A. L. Kimball,                           | 8.00     |           |
| Geo. Dwight,                             | 1.75     |           |
| Peter & Herbert Pierce, labor on bridge, | 1.50     |           |
|                                          | <hr/>    | \$ 127.55 |

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Beginning at the Main road near the house of Guy C. Allen on



what is known as the Jucket road, past the house of Marshall Thayer to Pelham Town line, from said road on School House road to Pratt Brothers' Mill.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid H. D. Paine, labor, | \$ 44.83 |          |
| M. W. Thayer, "          | 20.30    |          |
| H. A. Paine,             | .53      |          |
| W. Chaffee,              | 5.25     |          |
| Geo. Haskell,            | .90      |          |
| A. L. Kimball,           | 5.75     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 77.56 |

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Beginning at Pratt Bros., Mill on Pelham road to Pelham town line, thence from said road on what is called Munsell road to the West side of Munsell cemetery, thence northerly from the house of Alfred Terrien to the main highway near the Springfield Reservoir, thence from Pelham town line, east of the house of George Knight on Amherst road to Pelham town line, thence from the house of Mr. Mead on the road leading to Dwight's Station to the four corners near Scarborough Ponds, thence northerly from four corners to Pelham town line, thence from four corners past Almon Lovett's house to a point south of Smith place.

|                          |       |           |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor, | 19.00 |           |
| H. D. Peeso, "           | 13.55 |           |
| J. E. Peeso, "           | 14.65 |           |
| W. M. Shaw, "            | 9.66  |           |
| Robert Thompson, labor,  | 5.34  |           |
| Petro Aluisi, "          | 3.50  |           |
| Fred Thompson, "         | 3.50  |           |
| H. S. Pratt, "           | 16.76 |           |
| C. L. Jenks,             | 4.00  |           |
| A. L. Kimball,           | 19.00 |           |
| Carl Kimball,            | 8.00  |           |
|                          | <hr/> | \$ 116.96 |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Beginning at Chandler's four corners on Amherst road to C. V. R. R. at Dwight's Station, thence from said road at Dwight's Post Office to the house or near the house of G. R. Dickinson, thence from guide board west of Upper Bridgman Pond past the house of the late Sanford Arnold to the four corners near the house of F. D. Goodale.

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Paid H. C. Dodge, labor, | \$ 19.25 |
| William Knowlton, labor, | 7.00     |
| Dwight Jepson,        "  | 8.00     |
| Fred Squires,         "  | 3.50     |
| A. E. Dodge,          "  | 1.75     |
| E. R. Blackmer,       "  | 17.00    |
| Arnold Rowe,         "   | 3.50     |
|                          | <hr/>    |
|                          | \$ 60.00 |

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Beginning at C. V. R. R. at Dwight's Station on Amherst road to town line north of house of Horatio Marsh, thence from Amherst road near Dwight's on Gulf road to four corners near Scarborough Trout Pond, also the cross road running past the Bartlett Saw Mill to the Amherst road.

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid F. D. Goodale, labor,             | \$ 26.54 |
| A. L. Lovett,        "                 | 21.12    |
| Smith,                "                | .87      |
| N. Rhodes,                             | 18.40    |
| J. Roberts,                            | 11.54    |
| M. Maloux,                             | 3.50     |
| G. Plaskett,                           | 9.79     |
| E. R. Peeso, labor on road and bridge, | 3.00     |
| H. D.   "       "   " bridge,          | .87      |
| F. E.   "       "   "   "              | .87      |
| Wm. Shaw,       "   "   "              | .87      |
|                                        | <hr/>    |
|                                        | \$ 97.37 |



## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Beginning at four corners near the house of F. D. Goodale past the house of Frank Wilson and Sylvester Smith, to the Amherst road, thence from four corners near Cook's trout pond running west past the house of Mrs. Ober and the four corners near Sylvester Smith's to Amherst town line, thence from four corners near F. D. Goodale's on Amherst road to Amherst town line, thence from said four corners south, to where said road intersects Northampton road, also the road leading past the house of the late Daniel Wilson to Amherst road at brick school house.

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid F. D. Goodale, labor,            | \$ 22.50 |          |
| N. Rhodes, "                          | 13.50    |          |
| M. Maloux,                            | 6.62     |          |
| G. Plaskett,                          | 5.50     |          |
| J. Roberts,                           | 8.25     |          |
| A. L. Lovett,                         | 12.00    |          |
| R. Pervier,                           | .75      |          |
| E. R. & H. D. Peeso, planking bridge, | 2.00     |          |
|                                       | <hr/>    | \$ 71.12 |

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

Beginning at Chandler four corners past the house of George Tufts on Pond Hill road leading to Northampton to Amherst town line also road leading past Nelson Lamson's house to Charles Dickinson's, thence from corner near the house of the late Frank Bridgman on Pond Hill road and Granby road to Granby line, also road leading from Middle Pond to corner west of Lower Pond Cemetery, also road leading from Shannon place past houses of Mansfield Brothers and Hattie Hamilton to Granby road, also the road past Charles Pratt's house and Shannon house to corner near Chandler house so-called.

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Paid H. C. Dodge, labor, | \$ 17.80 |
| Wm. Knowlton, "          | 5.25     |
| Dwight Jepson, "         | 6.00     |
| Fred Squires, "          | 3.50     |
| E. R. Blackmer, "        | 17.50    |

Paid Arnold Rowe,

\$ 2.25

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\$ 52.30

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Beginning at Federal St., near the house of E. F. Munsell on Granby road, past Town Farm to Granby line, also the road leading from the house of Amos Lamson past the house of Wm. Clough to the corner on Granby and Pond Hill road, also the road leading from C. Hayes house past the house of George Coleman to Granby road, also the road running past the Weston mill privilege to Granby road, also the cross road leading past the Haskell place to the State road near the house of A. C. Underwood.

Paid H. M. Lamson, labor,

\$ 32.08

A. F. Lamson, “

48.08

C. S. Lamson, “

16.00

Peter Brown, “

3.50

John Brown, “

3.68

Herbert Pierce, “

3.50

C. Thompson, “

.87

Mitchel Geasel, “

1.50

H. M. Jepson, dynamite,

1.16

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\$ 110.37

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Beginning at the four corners near the Combs' place on Enfield road to Enfield town line, also the road leading from Combs' corner and past the house of the late Joseph Main on Ware road to Ware town line, also the road past the houses of Ira Damon, A. E. Warner, and Geo. Guest to Enfield town line, also the road past the house of E. A. Randall to the Enfield and Belchertown road, also the road leading past the houses of Colquit Ward and Dwight Randall to the Ware road.

Paid W. A. Sauer,

\$ 72.88

D. F. Shumway,

36.00



|                                 |          |           |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Wm. Kibbe,                 | \$ 17.50 |           |
| James Miller,                   | 3.50     |           |
| Fred Squires,                   | 3.50     |           |
| Chas. Pratt,                    | 21.00    |           |
| Wm. Hannum,                     | 3.00     |           |
| Robert Thompson,                | 1.75     |           |
| F. E. Austin, labor on culvert, | 1.00     |           |
|                                 | <hr/>    | \$ 160.13 |

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Beginning at the Forward cemetery on Ware road to Ware town line, also the road leading past the house of Arthur Aldrich, also the road leading past the house of Peter Hanifin and P. Garvey to the Ware road east of the house of M. G. Ward, also the road past the house of Roswell Allen and E. B. Sanford to the Main road, also the road leading past the farm of A. M. Baggs to the West Ware River bridge, also the road leading from a point near Red bridge on Belcher-town and Ware road, northerly to aforesaid road and to the house of Thomas Ballou.

|                                      |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor,           | \$ 23.00 |           |
| Arthur Moore,                        | 56.08    |           |
| James Miller,                        | 24.65    |           |
| Howard Spencer,                      | 20.86    |           |
| George Claflin,                      | 5.25     |           |
| Eugene Flaherty,                     | 4.00     |           |
| John Brown,                          | 3.50     |           |
| Roswell Allen, labor, posts & poles, | 10.60    |           |
| James Moriarty, dirt,                | .25      |           |
| E. B. Sanford, labor,                | 2.00     |           |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$ 150.19 |

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Beginning at the house of John M. Sullivan, over B. & M. R. R. to Palmer town line or bridge near Hastings' Market, also the road from Mr. Landers' house to bridge near depot and from depot south

to main road, also the road leading from corner near Franklin school house past the house of John Austin and Mr. Shea's place as far north as the said road goes, also the road leading to Peter Garvey's place, also the road leading from Chapin place on Ware road to Bondsville milk station and to the house of Kennedy, also the two cross roads leading from the Tylerville cemetery to the road leading past the milk station.

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor, | \$ 33.00  |
| Arthur Moore, "            | 30.90     |
| James Miller,              | 21.36     |
| Howard Spencer,            | 17.90     |
| George Claflin,            | 14.45     |
| Eugene Flaherty,           | 4.00      |
| John Brown,                | 7.90      |
| Stephen Sullivan,          | 1.00      |
|                            | <hr/>     |
|                            | \$ 130.51 |

#### DISTRICT NO. 13.

Beginning at the Leach crossing of B. & M. and C. V. R. R., the highway leading to Three Rivers to the four corners just south of the residence of A. C. Smith, thence past the houses of A. C. Smith and Michael Austin to Ludlow town line, thence from four corners west of M. Austin's place leading past the houses of Nelson Barrett, Martin Bardwell and Henry Lincoln to main road, also the cross road from M. Bardwell's place leading past the house of the late Mrs. Harry Town to Three Rivers road, also the cross road leading from the house of Nelson Barrett to Tylerville to Main road, also the road leading to the house of Frank Alden.

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Paid M. F. Austin, labor, | \$ 36.00 |
| Thomas Gormley, "         | 13.50    |
| Dynamite and fuse,        | .73      |
| M. Cavanaugh, labor,      | 29.60    |
| Patrick Cavanaugh,        | 11.10    |
| M. Shea,                  | 3.60     |
|                           | <hr/>    |
|                           | \$ 94.53 |



## DISTRICT NO. 14.

Beginning at a point where the highway crosses the B. & A. R. R. near what is known as Canterbury corner leading to Tylerville and past the house of the late A. Davis to the Three Rivers road, also the road near the Mansfield house leading to Thorndike to center of bridge, also the cross road leading from a point north of Tylerville on Palmer road to the Three Rivers road, also the road from near the house of Wm. Bolter past the house of Charles Haynes to Three Rivers' road, also roads leading to and from Barrett's station, also the cross road leading from the house of \_\_\_\_\_ past the house of P. Moriarty to the four corners of the Three Rivers road.

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Patrick Moriarty, | \$ 51.22 |          |
| John Gormly,           | 22.92    |          |
|                        | <hr/>    | \$ 74.14 |

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

Beginning at the four corners just south of A. C. Smith's place on Three Rivers road to Palmer town line, also the cross road past the house of James Fenton to the Belchertown and Ludlow cemetery or Ludlow town line, thence past the house of M. P. Bowler to the house of Erving Mills and past the house of Thomas Cody to the four corners north of house of Michael Cavanaugh.

|                           |          |           |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid M. P. Bowler, labor, | \$ 82.85 |           |
| Thomas Bowler, "          | 35.87    |           |
| M. P. Bowler Jr.,         | 12.25    |           |
| J. Fenton,                | 3.34     |           |
| M. P. Bowler's man,       | 17.20    |           |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$ 151.51 |

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

Beginning at the corner west of the house of M. S. Barton, the road leading to Ludlow and Springfield, to the corner below the house of M. A. Morse, also the cross road leading past the house of Charles Baggs to the corner near the house of E. F. Shumway, thence past the

house of E. F. Shumway to the State road near the house of Fred Conney.

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid J. W. Hurlburt, labor, | \$ 24.50 |          |
| C. A. Marsh,                | 6.00     |          |
| W. D. Bracket,              | 10.50    |          |
| B. F. Hubbard,              | 3.50     |          |
| E. F. Shumway,              | 16.00    |          |
| Dana Bardwell,              | 7.00     |          |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 67.50 |

#### DISTRICT NO. 17.

Beginning at the corner near the house of M. A. Morse past the houses of Merrill Williams and Arthur Pease to the corner near the house of Martin Bardwell, also the Ludlow canal road to town line, also the road past the house of Rufus Capen to Springfield road, thence from place of beginning on Ludlow and Springfield road to Ludlow town line.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid A. E. Pease, labor, | \$ 22.32 |          |
| L. Williams, “           | 5.54     |          |
| Geo. “ “                 | 6.42     |          |
| C. I. Shaw, “            | 7.75     |          |
| I. Thrall,               | 1.75     |          |
| J. J. Archambault,       | 1.75     |          |
| Charles Goulais,         | 1.75     |          |
| “ Marsh,                 | 4.00     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 51.28 |

#### DISTRICT NO. 18.

Beginning at the corner near the house of E. F. Shumway and past the houses of the late Sumner Knight, E. E. Gay and David Olds to Ludlow town line, also the road leading past the houses of G. H. B. Green and A. D. Moore to the end of said road, thence from Sumner Knight's place to Talmage place, thence from F. G. Shaw's place easterly to Ludlow and Springfield road.

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Paid E. F. Shumway, labor, | \$ 47.07 |
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## DISTRICT NO. 19.

Beginning near the house of Thomas Riley to the house of Avery Stacey, thence from said Stacey's, south to state road. Beginning again at the west end of state road to Granby town line, thence the back road to the Bissell place, thence from main highway to John Bardwell place, thence from near the Holyoke school-house past the houses of Henry McKellop and Edgar Lane to main road near the John Walker place.

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|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid M. C. Bardwell, | \$ 66.55 |           |
| David Ruell,         | 5.25     |           |
| Robert Bardwell,     | 18.98    |           |
| Fred Mitchell,       | 3.50     |           |
| D. F. Shumway,       | 6.90     |           |
|                      | <hr/>    | \$ 101.18 |

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| Total expended for general repairs, | 2,057.57 |
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## MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

|                                                |         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid G. H. B. Green, bridge plank for District |         |
| No. 1,                                         | \$ 2.60 |
| Potter & Bond, tile and cement for Dist.       |         |
| No. 15,                                        | 32.60   |
| E. R. Peeso, stringers for bridge, for Dist.   |         |
| No. 2,                                         | 1.50    |
| John L. Smith, scraper blade and bolts,        | 8.50    |
| Bond & Peeso, bridge plank for Dist.           |         |
| No. 2,                                         | 32.89   |
| Bond & Peeso, bridge plank for Dist.           |         |
| No. 6,                                         | 23.18   |
| Town of Amherst, for use of road scraper,      | 12.00   |
| Pratt Bros., lumber for Chapin bridge for      |         |
| Dist. No. 11,                                  | 6.76    |
| Bond & Peeso, bridge plank for bridge at       |         |
| Tylerville, Dist. No. 14,                      | 13.54   |
| Geo. W. Canterbury, labor on sewers at         |         |
| Bondsville,                                    | 20.62   |

|                                                                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid James Shea, labor on sewers,                                                    | \$ 12.25  |
| Town of Palmer, repair on bridge at<br>Bondsville,                                   | 117.14    |
| James Moriarty, labor,                                                               | 4.00      |
| James A. Peeso, bridge plank for District<br>No. 11,                                 | 45.15     |
| George Hunt, stringers for bridges Dist-<br>rict No. 6,                              | 8.90      |
| H. S. Pratt, dynamite,                                                               | 1.00      |
| F. B. Alden, post and railing,                                                       | 3.50      |
| D. L. Hazen, spikes, plow, paint, etc.,                                              | 4.95      |
| Potter & Bond, brick and cement for sew-<br>ers at Bondsville,                       | 25.82     |
| D. F. Austin, labor and material on wa-<br>tering tanks, railing for sidewalk, etc., | 18.29     |
| For help grading sidewalks,                                                          | 55.12     |
| W. A. Sauer, bridge plank for District<br>No. 10,                                    | 2.90      |
| E. R. Peeso, labor, cement for sidewalk,                                             | 2.50      |
| Peeso & Goodell, bridge plank for District<br>No. 7,                                 | 25.48     |
| John Hurn, labor on highway, putting up<br>railings, etc.,                           | 9.75      |
| Freight on scraper blade,                                                            | .40       |
| W. M. Sweatland, labor and spikes on<br>bridge at Tylerville, Dist. No. 14,          | 1.20      |
| E. R. Peeso, to labor and cash paid for<br>help etc., on bridges,                    | 83.76     |
| Total of miscellaneous,                                                              | \$ 576.10 |
| Amount appropriated,                                                                 | 2,500.00  |
| Exceeded appropriation,                                                              | 209.92    |

I wish to say to the voters of this town that we are in need of a-  
nother road scraper and should advise buying one this spring, and I



also recommend the raising of thirty-five hundred dollars ( \$ 3500.00 ) for roads and bridges for the coming season. By so doing and following the plan already adopted I think we shall soon have our highways in as good condition as our neighboring towns. We have put in a large number of new bridges during the past season and have taken up a good many culverts. This work has been neglected in the past as it is work that doesn't show.

It was necessary to repair thoroughly the lower bridge at Bonds-ville at an expense of \$ 234.28, Belchertown paying one half this cost, also the Chapin bridge over the same river had to be repaired at a cost of \$ 40.

In district No. 2 we repaired, took up and cleaned out twenty culverts and bridges, also put in a bridge on the Gulf road in district No. 7 and several other bridges were more or less repaired.

You will see by my report that I have exceeded my appropriation, owing to the unexpected expense on side-walks, sewers, etc.

Respectfully yours,

E. R. PEESO, *Sup't of Streets.*

# Report of Overseers of Poor.

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## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Feb. 4, 1909.

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Bed linen,                     | \$ 23.00 |
| Table linen,                   | 6.00     |
| Towels, etc.                   | 2.30     |
| 7 pairs of muslin curtains,    | 5.25     |
| 8 bed spreads and 25 blankets, | 14.00    |
| 6 feather beds,                | 10.00    |
| 3 straw beds,                  | 1.50     |
| 5 mattresses,                  | 11.00    |
| 17 pillows,                    | 5.00     |
| 18 quilts,                     | 20.00    |
| 3 bed springs,                 | 8.00     |
| 1 bed room set,                | 10.00    |
| 6 iron bedsteads,              | 15.00    |
| 5 wooden bedsteads,            | 5.00     |
| 15 bureaus,                    | 35.00    |
| 2 stands,                      | .50      |
| 26 chairs,                     | 16.50    |
| 1 dining room table,           | 6.00     |
| 1 center table,                | 2.00     |



|                                         |         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 sofa,                                 | \$ 3.00 |
| 2 cook stoves,                          | 20.00   |
| 4 stoves,                               | 15.00   |
| 1 set of dishes,                        | 8.00    |
| Invalid chair No. 1,                    | 15.00   |
| Invalid chair No. 2,                    | 5.00    |
| 1 carpet,                               | 10.00   |
| 2 linoleums,                            | 7.50    |
| 1 incubator,                            | 3.00    |
| New range,                              | 45.00   |
| Pantry utensils, dishes, kettles, etc., | 17.00   |
| 10 lamps,                               | 2.00    |
| Roll and sash curtains,                 | 3.00    |
| Meat and provisions,                    | 46.60   |
| 100 gallons of vinegar,                 | 15.00   |
| Vegetables and apples,                  | 5.00    |
| 105 quarts of canned fruit and pickles, | 33.00   |
| 155 bushels of No. 1 potatoes,          | 139.50  |
| 45 bushels of No. 2 potatoes,           | 22.50   |
| 3 bushels of seed corn,                 | 3.00    |
| 1½ bushels of sweet seed corn,          | 2.00    |
| 220 bushels of corn,                    | 77.00   |
| Horse No. 1,                            | 112.50  |
| Horse No. 2,                            | 112.50  |
| Horse No. 3,                            | 225.00  |
| Cow No. 1,                              | 35.00   |
| Cow No. 2,                              | 37.50   |
| Cow No. 3,                              | 30.00   |
| Cow No. 4,                              | 35.00   |
| Cow No. 5,                              | 40.00   |
| Cow No. 6,                              | 40.00   |
| Cow No. 7,                              | 40.00   |
| Cow No. 8,                              | 55.00   |
| Cow No. 9,                              | 37.50   |
| Cow No. 10,                             | 42.00   |
| Cow No. 11,                             | 47.50   |

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| Cow No. 12,                      | \$ 65.00 |
| Cow No. 13,                      | 50.00    |
| Cow No. 14,                      | 37.50    |
| Bull,                            | 35.00    |
| Sow,                             | 20.00    |
| 3 heifers,                       | 84.00    |
| 3 heifers,                       | 45.00    |
| 1 heifer,                        | 18.00    |
| 10 stake chains,                 | 2.50     |
| 2 cable chains,                  | 4.25     |
| Hoes, shovels, etc.,             | 5.00     |
| 70 hens and 3 roosters,          | 45.00    |
| 16 tons No. 1 hay,               | 256.00   |
| 3½ tons of stock hay,            | 35.00    |
| 3 tons of rowen and mowed oats,  | 48.00    |
| Meal,                            | 9.00     |
| 10½ bags of mixed feed,          | 16.80    |
| 1 bag of red dog,                | 1.70     |
| 2 bags of cracked corn and oats, | 2.90     |
| 1500 pounds of one x,            | 24.00    |
| 1 new sled,                      | 35.00    |
| 1 old sled,                      | 10.00    |
| 2 ladders,                       | 3.50     |
| 1 barrel of salt,                | 1.80     |
| Lanterns, brooms and barrels,    | 5.00     |
| 3 barrels of ashes,              | 1.50     |
| 30 cords of stove wood,          | 165.00   |
| 13 cords of wood in yard,        | 52.00    |
| 30 cords of wood on lot,         | 90.00    |
| 1 double wagon,                  | 110.00   |
| 1 express wagon,                 | 25.00    |
| 1 buggy,                         | 20.00    |
| 1 dump cart,                     | 40.00    |
| 1 single sled,                   | 8.00     |
| 1 express sleigh,                | 7.00     |
| 1 cutter,                        | 15.00    |



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| 1 double harness,             | \$ 15.00          |
| 1 single harness,             | 10.00             |
| 1 buggy harness,              | 8.00              |
| 1 mowing machine,             | 10.00             |
| 1 rake,                       | 10.00             |
| 1 tedder,                     | 5.00              |
| 5 plows,                      | 15.00             |
| 1 wheel harrow,               | 8.00              |
| 1 spring tooth harrow,        | 8.00              |
| 1 spike tooth harrow,         | 6.00              |
| 2 cultivators,                | 5.00              |
| 1 corn sheller,               | 3.00              |
| 1 express pole,               | 1.00              |
| Saws and axes,                | 3.00              |
| 1 feed cutter,                | 5.00              |
| 1 Cooley creamer and 15 cans, | 25.00             |
| 1 grind stone,                | 2.00              |
| 1 paris green blower,         | 1.50              |
| Measures and pails,           | 1.50              |
| 1 lawn mower,                 | 1.00              |
| 1 stone boat,                 | 2.00              |
| Plank,                        | 18.00             |
| 1 milk mixer,                 | 6.00              |
| Boards,                       | 2.00              |
| 2 pairs of ice tongs,         | 1.00              |
| 65 tons of ice,               | 65.00             |
| 1 fanning mill,               | 2.00              |
| 1 corn planter,               | 5.00              |
| Blankets, robes and whips,    | 7.00              |
|                               | <hr/> \$ 3,227.10 |

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| GUY C. ALLEN, JR., | } | <i>Appraisers.</i> |
| A. L. PRATT,       |   |                    |
| F. B. ALDEN,       |   |                    |

## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

*Town Farm Income from Feb. 15, 1908, to Feb. 1, 1909.*

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Rec'd from C. H. Teeter,         | \$ 21.00  |
| Belchertown Creamery for cream,  | 36.03     |
| for driving hearse outside town, | 21.20     |
| "        "        in town,       | 36.00     |
| shoats,                          | 25.00     |
| pigs and pork,                   | 62.25     |
| potatoes,                        | 17.95     |
| team work,                       | 12.00     |
| eggs,                            | 55.91     |
| calves,                          | 86.11     |
| use of telephone,                | .91       |
| junk,                            | 2.85      |
| milk,                            | 279.38    |
| carrying milk,                   | 8.13      |
| seed corn,                       | 3.25      |
| hay,                             | 10.00     |
| apples,                          | 21.35     |
| lumber,                          | 8.90      |
| barbed wire,                     | 4.30      |
| stock service,                   | 3.50      |
| 1 cow,                           | 21.00     |
| 1 heifer,                        | 22.00     |
| wood,                            | 24.50     |
| wagon,                           | 3.00      |
|                                  | <hr/>     |
|                                  | \$ 786.52 |

*Town Farm Expenditures from Feb. 15, 1908, to Feb. 1, 1909.*

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Paid for washings, | \$ 25.00 |
| Tea Company,       | 5.70     |
| for fish,          | 20.08    |
| " bakery supplies, | 1.45     |
| barber,            | 12.05    |



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|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Paid for medicine for Mrs. White, | \$ .90 |           |
| calves to fat,                    | 14.50  |           |
| newspaper,                        | 2.50   |           |
| Leroy Whitney for labor,          | 6.75   |           |
| E. C. Howard for tomato plants,   | .50    |           |
| for berries for canning,          | 2.63   |           |
| C. Lamson and R. Weston, labor,   | 5.00   |           |
| for nippers,                      | .90    |           |
| sawdust,                          | .50    |           |
| needles,                          | .21    |           |
| saw and file,                     | .75    |           |
| 2 cable chains,                   | 4.12   |           |
| onions,                           | .40    |           |
| ladder,                           | 2.00   |           |
| making cider,                     | 3.08   |           |
| cider casks,                      | 3.00   |           |
| repairing shoes,                  | .75    |           |
| meat,                             | 5.31   |           |
| feed for the team,                | 2.00   |           |
| whips,                            | 1.00   |           |
| Cattle Show money for paupers,    | 1.00   |           |
| clothing for T. Clifford,         | 7.48   |           |
| “ “ S. White,                     | 2.98   |           |
| stove pipe,                       | .30    |           |
| fixing horse's teeth,             | 3.00   |           |
| supplies,                         | .28    |           |
| never-slip calks,                 | .64    |           |
| stock service,                    | 2.00   |           |
| lumber,                           | 3.15   |           |
| freight on sleds,                 | 1.50   |           |
| crow repellent,                   | .50    |           |
| the treasurer,                    | 630.36 |           |
| Cash in hands of warden,          | 12.25  |           |
|                                   |        | \$ 786.52 |

GEORGE HUNT, *Warden.*

## EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Fuller & Dyer, groceries,                    | \$ 243.19 |
| A. Bridgman, "                               | 92.49     |
| J. W. Jackson, "                             | 116.16    |
| D. L. Hazen, "                               | 159.87    |
| Harvey Purdy, tobacco,                       | 17.40     |
| E. F. Flaherty, horse-shoeing,               | 20.45     |
| Thomas Mansfield, "                          | 1.00      |
| A. E. Dodge, "                               | .75       |
| Fuller & Dyer, grain,                        | 49.39     |
| E. H. Dyer, "                                | 402.35    |
| R. E. Fairchild, "                           | 55.20     |
| B. Freeman, services as warden,              | 93.08     |
| George Hunt, "                               | 333.30    |
| Grace Hamilton, labor,                       | 62.50     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, labor,                | 16.24     |
| H. E. Taylor & wife, "                       | 67.92     |
| E. H. Atwood, "                              | 16.35     |
| George Morrill, "                            | 17.70     |
| Leroy Whitney, "                             | 124.75    |
| C. H. Snow, supplies,                        | 10.83     |
| F. F. Dewey, "                               | .89       |
| Pratt Bros., sawing,                         | 15.00     |
| E. C. Witt, fertilizer,                      | 9.00      |
| J. A. Peeso, "                               | 18.60     |
| John Stadler,                                | 16.00     |
| Dr. C. B. King, medical attendance,          | 2.75      |
| Dr. Smith, "                                 | 4.20      |
| B. L. Thrasher, labor,                       | 1.75      |
| W. W. Hunt, stove, hot water pipes, & labor, | 163.84    |
| F. Fellows,                                  | 12.25     |
| Peter Pierce, cutting ties,                  | 99.66     |
| Peter Aluisi, chopping,                      | 91.47     |
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies,                     | 34.65     |
| Everett Snow, cutting ice,                   | 10.42     |



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| H. R. Barnes, | \$ 33.00 |                   |
|               |          | <hr/> \$ 2,414.40 |

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### INCOME FROM TOWN FARM.

|                                                 |           |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Paid to the treasurer by the warden,            | \$ 630.36 |                 |
| Rec'd from B. & M. R. R. for ties,              | 487.03    |                 |
| for potatoes from Joseph LeGrande,              | 75.00     |                 |
| Due from state for board & clothes of S. White, | 109.55    |                 |
| Rec'd from Belchertown Creamery Co.,            | 355.52    |                 |
| Bills due the farm,                             | 31.00     |                 |
| Cash in hands of warden,                        | 12.27     |                 |
|                                                 | <hr/> \$  | 1,700.73        |
| Actual expense,                                 |           | <hr/> \$ 713.67 |
| Average number of inmates for the year,         |           | 5               |

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### PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

#### EXPENDITURES.

|                                                 |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid partial support of Michael Welch,          | \$ 42.00 |
| partial support of Thomas O' Brian,             | 40.00    |
| Town of Amherst, care of Mabel Bush,            | 124.23   |
| Mrs. Morris Shea,                               | 5.00     |
| Westfield hospital, care of Wm. Hayes,          | 76.00    |
| Dr. King, medical aid to Sadie Piper,           | 11.80    |
| Dr. Segur, medical aid to Sadie Piper,          | 3.00     |
| Mrs. Walker, care of Sadie Piper,               | 123.00   |
| Dr. A. H. Smith, care of Dudley boy,            | 10.00    |
| City of Northampton, aid to Mitchell family,    | 22.00    |
| City of Springfield,                            | 6.66     |
| City of Springfield,                            | 11.85    |
| Fuller & Dyer, groceries for C. Pratt's family, | 14.84    |
| C. H. Snow, medicine for C. Pratt's family,     | 2.85     |

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| Paid Dr. Smith, medical aid for C. Pratt,            | \$ 32.00    |           |
| State treasurer, board T. Clifford's family,         | 14.00       |           |
| Carfare for T. Clifford,                             | 3.14        |           |
| Care of Ella Hamilton's children,                    | 6.00        |           |
| Dr. Smith, medical aid Smith family,                 | 10.00       |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>       | \$ 558.37 |
| Received from the town of Shutesbury,                | 43.84       |           |
| Received from Mr. Smith,                             | 10.00       |           |
| Received from Robert Hamilton,                       | 6.00        |           |
| Reimbursed for bill paid to the city of Springfield, | 11.85       |           |
| Received from town of Palmer, care Dudley boy,       | 10.00       |           |
|                                                      | <hr/>       | 81.69     |
| Total expense,                                       |             | \$ 476.68 |
| Total expense of paupers,                            | \$ 1,190.35 |           |
| Appropriation for paupers,                           | 750.00      |           |
| Excess of appropriation,                             | <hr/>       | \$ 440.35 |

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| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                   |
| E. R. PEESO,    |   |                                   |



# Town Account.

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## REPORT OF LIGHTING THE STREETS.

### *Expenditures for the year.*

|                                            |            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                             |            | \$ 250.00 |
| Paid E. H. Atwood, care of street lights,  | \$ 48.25   |           |
| Wm. Shaw,           "       "              | 48.25      |           |
| Geo. Hannum,       "       "               | 48.25      |           |
| C. H. Snow, oil for       "                | 22.86      |           |
| F. Fellows,       "       "                | 24.96      |           |
| D. L. Hazen, oil and globes,               | 49.36      |           |
| H. C. Davis, 1 lamp post,                  | 1.00       |           |
| B. L. Thrasher, repairs on lamps,          | 2.07       |           |
| J. W. Jackson,                             | .54        |           |
|                                            | <hr/>      | \$ 245.54 |
| Unexpended balance,                        |            | \$ 4.46   |
| State highway appropriation,               | \$ 2050.00 |           |
| Paid Fred Ellis,                           | 2050.00    |           |
|                                            | <hr/>      |           |
| Paid M. S. Barton, posting town warrants,  | \$ 5.00    |           |
| M. S. Barton, services on water committee, | 2.35       |           |
| A. C. Smith, stamping meat,                | 7.75       |           |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing town reports,     | 64.05      |           |
| A. E. Pease, tax collector 1907,           | 50.00      |           |

|                                                              |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid G. C. Allen, Jr., taking inventory of town farm,        | \$ 2.00 |
| A. Pratt, " " " " "                                          | 2.00    |
| Frank Alden, " " " " "                                       | 2.00    |
| D. D. Hazen, expense to Boston on water committee,           | 7.80    |
| L. W. Dillon, " " " " " "                                    | 9.62    |
| M. S. Barton, water committee,                               | 1.90    |
| J. R. Gould, postage,                                        | .96     |
| P. B. Murphy, 300 dog license blanks,                        | 2.25    |
| Selectmen, stationery,                                       | .62     |
| W. E. Bridgman, treasurer's bond,                            | 20.00   |
| G. H. B. Green, moderator for 2 years,                       | 10.00   |
| G. C. Allen, Jr., assessors' supplies,                       | 4.00    |
| G. A. R., Memorial Day,                                      | 50.00   |
| M. W. Whittemore, sanitary work at town house,               | .75     |
| F. E. Austin, election officer,                              | 4.50    |
| M. P. Bowler, " "                                            | 3.00    |
| R. S. Kenfield, " "                                          | 1.50    |
| S. P. Signor, " "                                            | 3.00    |
| Henry Aldrich, " "                                           | 3.00    |
| A. H. Hubbard, " "                                           | 3.00    |
| F. F. Dewey, " "                                             | 3.00    |
| E. A. Randall, " "                                           | 1.50    |
| Gardner Blackmer, cleaning sidewalks,                        | .60     |
| Coburn & Graves, fumigating candles,                         | 4.50    |
| L. W. Dillon, water committee,                               | 4.00    |
| L. A. Smith, returning deaths,                               | 2.50    |
| Dr. S. W. Perry,                                             | 3.70    |
| W. E. Bridgman, insurance on town farm buildings,            | 52.50   |
| G. C. Allen, Sr., services as auditor,                       | 15.00   |
| Charles Shumway, painting hearse,                            | 46.25   |
| M. F. Sullivan, use of hearse,                               | 4.00    |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer of wghts. & measures, | 49.15   |
| A. E. Pease, abatement of taxes,                             | 4.98    |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies,                                    | .54     |
| L. H. Blackmer, stationery,                                  | 2.05    |
| Hammond & Hammond, legal counsel,                            | 44.00   |



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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid C. E. Davis, work on guide boards,               | \$ 15.46 |
| E. B. Sanford, stamping meat,                         | 13.75    |
| W. E. Bridgman, tax collector's bond,                 | 20.00    |
| Commonwealth of Mass., voters' list,                  | 2.25     |
| L. H. Blackmer, " "                                   | 8.30     |
| " " tax collector's blanks,                           | 3.39     |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies,                             | .38      |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting barns,                        | 60.00    |
| E. C. Howard, printing and posting notices,           | 5.05     |
| Bond & Peeso, lumber for well at north end of common, | 14.34    |
| M. G. Ayers, making cover for well,                   | 2.50     |
| Witnesses in Lincoln case,                            | 51.00    |
| G. F. Ellinwood, telephone,                           | 1.00     |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable,                  | 19.50    |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement of taxes of 1906,            | 44.05    |
| " collecting taxes of 1906,                           | 50.00    |
| Settlement of Lincoln case,                           | 458.99   |
| W. B. Spear, fighting forest fire,                    | 3.50     |
| A. E. Pease, abatement of taxes,                      | 35.75    |
| D. K. Shumway, burial of Thomas Ballou,               | 37.00    |
| Geo. Claflin, watching fire at Mrs. Wilson's,         | 2.00     |
| Hammond & Hammond, legal counsel in Lincoln case,     | 100.83   |
| W. D. Randolph, stamping meat,                        | 2.75     |
| J. E. Peeso, fighting forest fires,                   | 44.95    |
| G. C. Allen, " " "                                    | 3.60     |
| James Peeso, " " "                                    | 5.60     |
| G. B. Jackson, ringing bell and care of town clock,   | 48.00    |
| D. F. Shumway, stationery,                            | 5.07     |
| B. L. Thrasher,                                       | 3.15     |
| D. D. Hazen, services as auditor,                     | 6.00     |
| Ansel Shaw, " " registrar,                            | 11.00    |
| H. H. Ward, " " "                                     | 11.00    |
| D. K. Shumway, " " "                                  | 6.00     |
| A. L. Pratt, services as assessor,                    | 107.50   |
| F. B. Alden, " "                                      | 107.00   |
| G. C. Allen, Jr., " "                                 | 113.00   |

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| Paid Nelson Randall, services as selectman & overseer of poor, | \$121.67 |
| E. R. Peeso, " " " "                                           | 50.00    |
| E. C. Witt, " " " "                                            | 113.75   |
| " wood for town house,                                         | 7.75     |
| B. L. Thrasher, repairs on stove pipe, town hall,              | 5.18     |
| Stanley Bridgman, care of town house,                          | 4.50     |
| Use of telephone at town farm,                                 | 19.46    |
| A. E. Pease, services as election officer,                     | 1.50     |
| C. H. Snow, fumigating candles,                                | 1.05     |
| M. S. Barton, services in Charlie Ward case,                   | 3.00     |
| Dr. F. F. Dexter, returning 5 births,                          | 1.25     |
| Dr. E. S. Thomson, " 8 "                                       | 2.00     |
| Dr. Geo. " " 7 "                                               | 1.75     |
| D. K. Shumway, burial Ellen Congdon,                           | 37.00    |
| E. C. Witt, carfare and telephone,                             | 9.76     |
| Dr. Perry, disinfecting school house,                          | 4.00     |
| Roy Shaw, returning deaths,                                    | 1.75     |
| D. L. Hazen, pump, pipe, and labor,                            | 15.85    |
| Joseph Belanger, returning deaths,                             | 7.75     |
| Susie Bridgman, recording births, deaths, marriages,           | 37.20    |
| C. A. Baggs, inspection meat,                                  | 83.25    |
| A. Bridgman, town clerk,                                       | 82.69    |
| J. A. Peeso, forest fires,                                     | 6.00     |
| Dr. F. F. Dexter, fumigating Wilson house,                     | 5.00     |
| W. H. Hawks, inspection meat,                                  | 8.50     |
| D. F. Shumway, postage,                                        | 11.00    |
| " " abatement of taxes,                                        | 160.11   |
| " " " " 1907,                                                  | 45.21    |
| " " services as collector,                                     | 50.00    |
| A. Bridgman, dog fund, library,                                | 307.15   |
| " " returning births,                                          | 10.25    |
| Nelson Randall, R. R. fare, express, and postage,              | 20.00    |
| M. E. Williams, election officer 1907,                         | 3.00     |
| M. E. Williams, " " 1908,                                      | 3.00     |
| M. G. Ward, " " 1908,                                          | 1.50     |
| A. Bridgman, supplies for town hall,                           | .72      |



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|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid John Wrigley, building concrete walk, | \$ 292.65   |
| George Hunt, driving hearse,               | 36.00       |
| J. W. Jackson, oil for engine house,       | .91         |
| B. L. Thrasher, labor at engine house,     | 1.80        |
| J. W. Jackson, supplies for engine house,  | 2.00        |
| H. A. Hopkins, " " " "                     | 6.80        |
| D. L. Hazen, " " " "                       | 19.78       |
| Repairs on tub,                            | 40.00       |
| H. C. Davis, repairs " " "                 | 9.80        |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies " " "                | 4.63        |
|                                            | <hr/>       |
|                                            | \$ 3,580.95 |

Of this amount there is due from the state

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| For inspecting barns,                   | \$ 30.00  |
| For the burial of soldiers,             | 74.00     |
| B. & M. R. R.                           | 59.00     |
| Paid dog fund to the library,           | 307.15    |
| Gave orders for the abatement of taxes, | 290.10    |
| G. A. R. for Memorial Day,              | 50.00     |
|                                         | <hr/>     |
|                                         | \$ 810.25 |

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Actual town expenses, | \$ 2,770.70 |
| Appropriation,        | 2,350.00    |

|                                                        |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Excess of appropriation,                               | \$ 420.70   |
| We have drawn orders approved by the school committee, | \$ 8,614.40 |
| We have issued during the year 595 town orders,        | 22,494.66   |

#### RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash in hands of the treasurer,          | \$ 3,555.53 |
| Due from the collector, 1908 taxes,      | 2,563.62    |
| " state for burial of soldiers,          | 74.00       |
| " " " support of Stephen White,          | 104.00      |
| For state and military aid,              | 2,422.00    |
| Due from state for inspection of cattle, | 30.00       |

|                                          |          |             |
|------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Due from B. & M. R. R.                   | \$ 59.00 |             |
| Due from C. V. R. R. for fighting fires, | 20.25    |             |
|                                          | <hr/>    | \$ 8,828.40 |

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|                                                |             |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Due Amherst Bank,                              | \$ 9,000.00 |                 |
| Due the State for abolition of grade crossing, | 500.00      |                 |
|                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 9,500.00     |
| Excess of liabilities over resources,          |             | <hr/> \$ 771.60 |

## MILITARY AND STATE AID REPORT.

|                                                                                                                |             |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| We have paid to the old soldiers, their widows<br>and mothers, during the year, state aid to the<br>amount of, | \$ 1,849.00 |             |
| Military aid to the amount of,                                                                                 | 234.00      |             |
|                                                                                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 2,083.00 |
| Of this amount there is due from the state for<br>this year's state aid,                                       | \$ 1,849.00 |             |
| For one half the military aid this year,                                                                       | 117.00      |             |
| For three months last year, still due,                                                                         | 456.00      |             |
|                                                                                                                | <hr/>       |             |
| Total amount due from the state, for state and<br>military aid to date,                                        |             | \$ 2,422.00 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. C. WITT,     |   |                                          |
| E. R. PEESO,    |   |                                          |



## Treasurer's Report.

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| 1908. |    | <i>Dr.</i>                                           |             |
|-------|----|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Feb.  | 15 | Balance due on settlement,                           | \$ 3,724.27 |
|       | 29 | Cash of Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                     | 36.03       |
| March | 4  | A. E. Pease,                                         | 688.00      |
|       | 4  | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                               | 22.00       |
|       | 10 | B. L. Thrasher, for wood,                            | 3.00        |
|       | 10 | C. V. R. R., fighting fire,                          | 29.30       |
|       | 17 | Estate of Frank B. Lawrence,                         | 100.00      |
|       | 18 | Town farm, for shoats,                               | 25.00       |
|       | 19 | Winslow Piper, care of Sadie Piper,                  | 5.00        |
|       | 24 | B. & M. R. R. fighting fire,                         | 7.80        |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank,                                        | 4,000.00    |
|       | 31 | John Stadler, butcher's license,                     | 1.00        |
|       | 31 | Eugene Randall, for potatoes, town farm,             | 11.00       |
| April | 2  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                             | 31.66       |
|       | 2  | Ira Damon, butcher's license,                        | 1.00        |
|       | 4  | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,                  | 2.00        |
|       | 7  | Heirs of Lyman Rice,                                 | 100.00      |
|       | 9  | A. E. Pease,                                         | 220.34      |
|       | 21 | Yectaine Garel, $\frac{1}{2}$ lot in Morse cemetery, | 5.00        |
|       | 28 | Herbert D. Paine, butcher's license,                 | 1.00        |
|       | 29 | Town Farm,                                           | 11.00       |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank,                                        | 1,500.00    |
| May   | 1  | Town Farm,                                           | 19.00       |
|       | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                             | 33.93       |

|       |    |                                                                        |           |
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| May   | 1  | Cash of A. E. Pease,                                                   | \$ 150.22 |
|       | 2  | C. H. Snow, liquor license,                                            | 1.00      |
|       | 7  | Town of Ludlow, account of schools,                                    | 8.00      |
|       | 8  | Amherst Bank,                                                          | 2,000.00  |
|       | 19 | Estate of Kirk J. Thurston, care of lot<br>in Mt. Hope cemetery,       | 200.00    |
|       | 23 | State Treasurer, support of sick paupers,                              | 62.30     |
|       |    | " tuition of children,                                                 | 483.50    |
|       | 25 | Amherst Bank,                                                          | 1,500.00  |
| June  | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                               | 35.06     |
|       | 6  | " for potatoes,                                                        | 75.00     |
|       | 17 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                                                | 1,500.00  |
|       | 19 | A. E. Pease,                                                           | 110.00    |
| July  | 1  | Town Farm,                                                             | 20.00     |
|       |    | " Creamery Co.,                                                        | 45.64     |
|       | 3  | Fines in Dist. Court,                                                  | 5.00      |
|       | 13 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                                                | 1,500.00  |
|       | 15 | Lucy D. Wiley Chapman, care of Otis<br>Wiley lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 50.00     |
|       | 20 | Henry Smith,                                                           | 10.00     |
| Aug.  | 1  | Town Farm,                                                             | 15.00     |
|       |    | " Creamery Co.,                                                        | 51.43     |
|       | 3  | A. E. Pease, 1906 tax,                                                 | 196.44    |
|       |    | " 1907 "                                                               | 485.63    |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway, tax of 1907,                                            | 72.92     |
|       | 22 | " "                                                                    | 41.00     |
|       | 29 | State Treasurer, inspection of animals,                                | 60.48     |
|       |    | D. F. Shumway,                                                         | 102.00    |
| Sept. | 1  | Town Farm,                                                             | 20.00     |
|       |    | D. F. Shumway, tax of 1907,                                            | 60.54     |
|       |    | " " 1906,                                                              | 57.22     |
|       |    | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                               | 42.08     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                                               | 57.50     |
|       | 12 | " "                                                                    | 28.35     |
|       |    | " 1908 tax,                                                            | 450.45    |
|       | 19 | " 1907 "                                                               | 28.42     |



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| Sept. | 19 | Cash of D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                             | \$ 320.02 |
|       | 26 | “ 1907 “                                                     | 29.71     |
|       |    | “ 1908 “                                                     | 1,320.35  |
|       | 30 | N. Randall, rent of Town Hall,                               | 2.00      |
|       |    | Amherst Bank,                                                | 4,000.00  |
| Oct.  | 1  | Town Farm,                                                   | 35.00     |
|       |    | “ Creamery Co.,                                              | 41.86     |
|       | 2  | Fines in Dist. Court,                                        | 70.00     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway, 1906 tax,                                     | 107.42    |
|       |    | “ 1907 “                                                     | 103.80    |
|       |    | “ 1908 “                                                     | 281.77    |
|       | 8  | J. E. Clark, fines of Annie Toper,                           | 12.00     |
|       | 10 | H. M. Jepson, butcher's license,                             | 1.00      |
|       | 12 | D. F. Shumway,                                               | 366.66    |
|       | 16 | “ 1906 tax,                                                  | 21.60     |
|       |    | “ 1907 “                                                     | 37.94     |
|       |    | “ 1908 “                                                     | 165.82    |
|       | 21 | Mrs. W. G. Corey, lot in cemetery,                           | 5.00      |
|       | 22 | Estate of Emeline Hunt, care of lot in<br>Mt. Hope Cemetery, | 50.00     |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway, 1906 tax,                                     | 26.01     |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                                     | 40.68     |
|       | 24 | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                                     | 472.50    |
| Nov.  | 1  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                                     | 64.83     |
|       | 1  | Town Farm,                                                   | 96.68     |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway, 1906 tax,                                     | 21.25     |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                                     | 12.00     |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                                     | 266.59    |
|       | 4  | Amherst Bank,                                                | 1,500.00  |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                                     | 40.68     |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                                     | 562.32    |
|       | 9  | Amherst Bank,                                                | 2,000.00  |
|       | 14 | D. F. Shumway, 1906 tax,                                     | 20.00     |
|       | 14 | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                                     | 164.71    |
|       | 14 | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                                     | 651.50    |
|       | 15 | State Treasurer, Corporation tax,                            | 26.47     |

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| Nov. | 15 | Cash of State Treasurer, National Bank tax,      | \$ 273.94 |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, military aid,                   | 214.50    |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, state aid,                      | 1,720.00  |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, burial of soldiers and sailors, | 72.00     |
|      | 21 | D. F. Shumway, 1906 tax,                         | 6.58      |
|      | 21 | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                         | 25.91     |
|      | 21 | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                         | 559.60    |
|      | 25 | Amherst Bank,                                    | 1,500.00  |
| Dec. | 1  | D. F. Shumway, 1906 tax,                         | 82.46     |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                         | 22.51     |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                         | 494.69    |
|      | 1  | Town of Shutesbury,                              | 43.84     |
|      | 1  | Town Farm,                                       | 85.08     |
|      | 2  | Town Farm, Creamery Co.,                         | 9.03      |
|      | 5  | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                         | 49.49     |
|      | 5  | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                         | 517.07    |
|      | 5  | Wm. Bolter, butcher's license,                   | 1.00      |
|      | 10 | Fred Higgins, butcher's license,                 | 1.00      |
|      | 10 | Mrs. Arthur Shaw, lot in cemetery,               | 12.00     |
|      | 17 | Amherst Bank,                                    | 1,500.00  |
|      | 19 | Gideon Chenier, butcher's license,               | 1.00      |
|      | 19 | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                         | 145.26    |
|      | 19 | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                         | 406.24    |
|      | 26 | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                         | 81.97     |
|      | 26 | D. F. Shumway, 1908 tax,                         | 574.90    |
|      | 26 | Nelson Randall, for tile,                        | .79       |
| 1909 |    |                                                  |           |
| Jan. | 1  | Town Farm,                                       | 117.65    |
|      |    | Nelson Randall,                                  | 11.85     |
|      |    | Peter M. Adzima, butcher's license,              | 1.00      |
|      |    | Estate of Harriet Longley, cemetery fund,        | 500.00    |
|      | 2  | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                         | 233.56    |
|      |    | “ 1908 “                                         | 1,220.92  |
|      |    | Estate of Harriet D. Longley, music in schools,  | 2,000.00  |



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| Jan  | 4  | Cash of W. D. Cowles & Co., for ties,        | \$ 139.20    |
|      |    | D. F. Shamway, 1907 tax,                     | 37.62        |
|      |    | " 1908 "                                     | 448.83       |
|      | 9  | " 1907 "                                     | 63.81        |
|      |    | " 1908 "                                     | 543.68       |
|      | 12 | County Treasurer, dog fund,                  | 307.15       |
|      | 16 | Town Farm, for ties,                         | 347.83       |
|      |    | Robert Hamilton,                             | 6.00         |
|      |    | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                     | 140.09       |
|      |    | " 1908 tax,                                  | 659.50       |
|      | 23 | " 1908 tax,                                  | 449.71       |
|      | 26 | State Treasurer, income Mass. school fnnd,   | 1,258.41     |
|      | 30 | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                     | 231.58       |
|      |    | " 1908 tax,                                  | 429.74       |
| Feb. | 1  | G. H. B. Green, windows etc., center school, | 18.35        |
|      |    | Town Farm,                                   | 113.92       |
|      |    | D. F. Shumway, 1907 tax,                     | 228.99       |
|      |    | " 1908 "                                     | 629.79       |
|      |    | "                                            | 326.13       |
|      |    | Town Farm, driving hearse,                   | 36.00        |
|      |    | Amherst Bank, cemetery fund,                 | 66.62        |
|      |    |                                              | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                                              | \$ 52,109.47 |

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|-------|----|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| March | 3  | Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in district court,  | \$ 5.30  |
|       | 30 | Amherst Savings Bank, from estate of F. B. Lawrence, | 100.00   |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 4,000.00 |
|       | 30 | Discount at " "                                      | 100.00   |
| April | 23 | Amherst Savings Bank, from estate of Lyman Rice,     | 100.00   |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                | 1,500.00 |
|       | 30 | Discount at " "                                      | 37.50    |
| May   | 4  | State Treasurer, account of liquor                   |          |

|       |    |                                                                       |          |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|       |    | license,                                                              | \$ .25   |
| May   | 8  | Cash paid Note at Amherst Bank,                                       | 2,000.00 |
|       | 8  | Discount at " "                                                       | 50.00    |
|       | 25 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                 | 1,500.00 |
|       | 25 | Discount at " "                                                       | 30.00    |
|       | 25 | Amherst Savings Bank, from estate<br>of Kirk J. Thurston,             | 200.00   |
| June  | 17 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                 | 1,500.00 |
|       | 17 | Discount at Amherst Bank,                                             | 30.00    |
| July  | 6  | M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court,                          | 12.15    |
|       | 6  | F. W. Brockway, services in district<br>court,                        | 24.80    |
|       | 13 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                 | 1,500.00 |
|       | 13 | Discount at " "                                                       | 30.00    |
|       | 16 | Amherst Savings Bank, care of Otis<br>Wiley lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 50.00    |
| Aug.  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court,                          | 23.95    |
|       | 3  | F. W. Brockway services in district<br>court,                         | 16.16    |
| Sept. | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court,                          | 6.49     |
|       | 30 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                 | 4,000.00 |
|       | 30 | Discount, " "                                                         | 90.00    |
| Oct.  | 7  | County Tax,                                                           | 1,325.89 |
| Nov.  | 2  | Discount, Amherst Bank,                                               | 17.44    |
|       | 9  | " " "                                                                 | 22.50    |
|       | 14 | State Treasurer, state tax,                                           | 1,485.00 |
|       | 14 | " " grade crossing,                                                   | 500.00   |
|       | 14 | " " int. on grade crossing,                                           | 40.00    |
|       | 14 | " " repairs on state roads,                                           | 28.35    |
|       | 25 | Discount, Amherst Bank,                                               | 16.88    |
| Dec.  | 17 | " " "                                                                 | 30.00    |
| 1909  |    |                                                                       |          |
| Jan.  | 2  | Estate Harriette Longley, put in Ware                                 |          |



|      |    |                                            |              |
|------|----|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
|      |    | Savings Bank,                              | \$ 2,000.00  |
| Jan. | 2  | Estate Harriette Longley, put in Amherst   |              |
|      |    | Savings Bank, cemetery fund,               | 500.00       |
|      | 2  | Emeline Hunt, cemetery fund,               | 50.00        |
|      | 12 | Paid note at Amherst Bank,                 | 1,500.00     |
| Feb. | 1  | " " " "                                    | 1,500.00     |
|      | 1  | Paid M. S. Barton, services in district    |              |
|      |    | court,                                     | 26.62        |
|      | 1  | Paid Town of Palmer, account of Dudley     |              |
|      |    | boy,                                       | 10.00        |
|      | 1  | Paid amount of orders delivered selectmen, | 22,494.66    |
|      | 1  | Paid services as Treasurer,                | 100.00       |
|      | 1  | Cash on hand,                              | 3,555.53     |
|      |    |                                            | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                                            | \$ 52,109.47 |

## Notes due at Amherst Bank.

|                              |     |                                             |
|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------|
| Nov.                         | 9,  | 3 months for \$ 2,000.00, due Feb. 9, 1909. |
| Nov.                         | 25, | 3 " " 1,500.00, " Feb. 25, 1909.            |
| Sept.                        | 30, | 6 " " 4,000.00, " Mar. 30, 1909.            |
| Dec.                         | 17, | 6 " " 1,500.00, " June 17, 1909.            |
| Note due Feb. 9, 1909, Paid. |     |                                             |

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 12, 1909.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. There was in the hands of the Treasurer \$ 3,540.53 on Feb. 1st.

GUY C. ALLEN, *Auditor.*

## CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

|                                                                                  |           |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Bequests for perpetual care of lots in Mount<br>Hope Cemetery, previous to 1908, |           | \$ 7,613.81     |
| Received in 1909, from                                                           |           |                 |
| Myron Lawrence,                                                                  | \$ 100.00 |                 |
| Lyman Rice,                                                                      | 100.00    |                 |
| Kirk J. Thurston,                                                                | 200.00    |                 |
| Otis Wiley,                                                                      | 50.00     |                 |
| Emeline Hunt,                                                                    | 50.00     |                 |
| Harriette D. Longley,                                                            | 500.00    |                 |
| Balance in Treasury, Feb. 15, 1908,                                              | 182.75    |                 |
| Interest on fund in Amherst Bank,                                                | 65.00     |                 |
| Appropriation,                                                                   | 100.00    |                 |
| Rec'd from sale of lots,                                                         | 22.00     |                 |
| Cr. by 8000 ft. of logs,                                                         | 56.00     |                 |
|                                                                                  |           | <hr/> \$ 425.00 |

## TO A. H. HUBBARD DR.

|                                                                                                                                                 |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To care of lots, mowing avenues, filling graves,<br>cleaning and resetting stones, painting large<br>gate and fences on Rice and Bridgman lots, | \$ 98.00 |
| D. P. Spencer, mowing South cemetery,                                                                                                           | 10.00    |
| F. Randolph, mowing Blue Meadow cemetery,                                                                                                       | 1.00     |

## TO E. S. LANE DR.

|                                                                                                        |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| New fence at Tylerville cemetery,                                                                      | \$ 93.08 |
| To hauling, building and painting same, and<br>mowing Holyoke, Liberty and Tylerville cem-<br>eteries, | 28.00    |

## TO H. S. PRATT DR.

|                                                                       |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1907. To posts, rails and pickets, for fence at<br>Mt. Hope cemetery, | 37.65 |
| 1908. To work in West Hill cemetery,                                  | 16.00 |
| To work in Tylerville cemetery,                                       | 1.35  |
| “ services as Burial Ground Com.,                                     | 1.00  |



|                                        |         |           |
|----------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Wm. Lowell, mowing Lake Vale Cemetery, | \$ 5.00 |           |
| F. Wilson, " Union "                   | 3.00    |           |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$ 294.08 |

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| Balance in treasury, | \$ 131.75 |
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Respectfully submitted,

|                |   |                                             |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
| E. S. LANE,    | } | <i>Burial<br/>Ground<br/>Commissioners.</i> |
| A. H. HUBBARD, |   |                                             |
| H. S. PRATT,   |   |                                             |

The Burial Ground Com. recommend an appropriation of \$ 100.00

## REPORT ON FUNDS.

### MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                       |           |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1908,     | \$ 162.35 |           |
| Received April 1, 1908, dividend,     | 140.00    |           |
| Received Oct. 1, 1908, dividend,      | 140.00    |           |
|                                       | <hr/>     | \$ 442.35 |
| April 1, paid Clapp Memorial Library, | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Paid aid to 13 families,              | 168.50    |           |
|                                       | <hr/>     | \$ 218.50 |
| Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1909,         |           | \$ 223.85 |

### WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                   |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 15, 1908, | \$ 295.99 |           |
| Received Sept. 1, 1908,           | 280.00    |           |
|                                   | <hr/>     | \$ 575.99 |
| Paid aid to 16 families,          |           | 231.91    |
|                                   |           | <hr/>     |
| Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1909,     |           | \$ 344.08 |

|                   |   |                  |
|-------------------|---|------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL,   | } | <i>Almoners.</i> |
| E. C. WITT,       |   |                  |
| E. R. PEESO,      |   |                  |
| MRS. M. A. MORSE, |   |                  |
| MRS. G. C. ALLEN, |   |                  |

# Report of Town Clerk.

*For the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |          |               |             |
|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
| January, 4  | April, 3 | July, 4       | October, 3  |
| February, 3 | May, 6   | August, 11    | November, 5 |
| March, 6    | June, 3  | September, 0  | December, 8 |
| Males, 24 ; |          | Females, 32 ; | Total, 56.  |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Number of intentions recorded,       | 12 |
| “ “ marriages “                      | 13 |
| First marriage, Males, 11 ; Females, | 9  |
| Second “ “ 2 ; “                     | 4  |
| Youngest male married,               | 23 |
| “ female “                           | 18 |
| Oldest male “                        | 45 |
| “ female “                           | 48 |

### DEATHS.

|             |          |              |             |
|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| January, 3  | April, 5 | July, 6      | October, 0  |
| February, 1 | May, 1   | August, 3    | November, 1 |
| March, 4    | June, 3  | September, 3 | December, 3 |

Males, 18 ; Females, 15 ; Total, 33.

Native born, 24 ; Foreign born, 8.

Number of town meetings, 2

Mortgages recorded during the year, 10



## DOG LICENSE.

|                         |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Males, 175, at \$ 2.00, | \$ 350.00 |           |
| Females, 8, at 5.00,    | 40.00     |           |
|                         | <hr/>     | \$ 390.00 |

Paid the above amount ( less fees ) to county treasurer.

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## RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Dr. E. S. Thomson, | 8  |
| " E. F. Sullivan,  | 5  |
| " H. A. Smith,     | 10 |
| " F. F. Dexter,    | 5  |
| " G. F. Thomson,   | 7  |
| " C. B. King,      | 1  |
| " W. B. Segur,     | 4  |
| " L. A. Smith,     | 10 |
| " S. O. Miller,    | 2  |
| " C. H. Giroux,    | 2  |
| " G. W. Rawson,    | 1  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION.

|                                                   |             |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| For highways and bridges, general repairs,        | \$ 2,500.00 |            |
| New road scraper, not to exceed                   | 250.00      |            |
| Street lighting,                                  | 250.00      |            |
| Town account,                                     | 2,200.00    |            |
| Pauper account,                                   | 1,000.00    |            |
| Cemetery account,                                 | 50.00       |            |
| To cover deficiency in the several accounts over- |             |            |
| drawn in the past,                                | 1,000.00    |            |
|                                                   | <hr/>       | \$ 7250.00 |

|                  |   |                                                        |
|------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------|
| WM. E. BRIDGMAN, | } | <i>Committee</i><br><i>on</i><br><i>Appropriation.</i> |
| A. D. RANDALL,   |   |                                                        |
| L. W. DILLON,    |   |                                                        |



# Annual Report

OF

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



### Organization, March, 1908—March, 1909.

|                             |   |                            |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| MARIA D. S. LONGLEY, Sec'y, | - | Term expires, March, 1909. |
| DR. STEPHEN W. PERRY,       | - | Term expires, March, 1910. |
| GEO. H. B. GREEN, Chairman, | - | Term expires, March, 1911. |

### Superintendent of Schools.

|                    |   |                               |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| GEO. F. ELLINWOOD, | - | Term expired, Sept., 1, 1908. |
| ALVAN R. LEWIS,    | - | Term expires, Sept., 1, 1909. |

### Truant Officers.

D. F. SHUMWAY,

THOMAS LANDERS.

# School Calendar.

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*From March 1909, to March 1910.*

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term will begin Wednesday, March 31.  
“ “ “ close Tuesday, June 22.  
Fall Term will begin Wednesday, Sept. 1.  
“ “ “ close Tuesday, Nov. 23.  
Winter Term will begin Wednesday, Dec. 1.  
“ “ “ close Tuesday, March 3.

## Grade Schools.

Spring Term will begin Wednesday, April 7.  
“ “ “ close Tuesday, June 22.  
Fall Term will begin Wednesday, Sept. 8.  
“ “ “ close Tuesday, Nov. 23.  
Winter Term will begin Wednesday, Dec. 1.  
“ “ “ close Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Vacation in all the schools from Tuesday P. M.  
Dec. 21, to Wednesday A. M. Dec. 29.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Belchertown :*

I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my first annual report which is the fifth report of the superintendent of schools.

There are eighteen schools in our town below the high school, fifteen of which are located from one to six miles from the center having from four to eight grades and from five to thirty pupils in a room. Under ordinary conditions many of these schools could be consolidated with benefit to the pupils and economy to the town. But to make a general consolidation at present would nearly, if not quite, equal the cost of maintaining the schools, and the number of grades in each room would not be fewer and the number of pupils in each grade would be increased. Whenever schools of few pupils can conveniently be consolidated, I believe the result would be greater interest and that better work would be accomplished.

The Cold Spring building is greatly out of repair requiring considerable expense to put it in suitable condition.

The Blue Meadow room needs thorough cleaning and painting. There are good desks that are not in use, and there is no indication that they will be used in their present location, that could be placed in this room rendering it clean and attractive at a small expense.

The attendance in most of our schools has been very good considering the great distance many of the pupils are obliged to

walk. There has been a large number of cases of tardiness in a few of the schools. Punctuality is one of the essential elements of success. I hope the parents and teachers will co-operate in training the children to be punctual. If a child forms the habit of being late to school, he has acquired a habit that will greatly interfere with his success in life.

My work has been largely individual with the teachers. Special attention has been given to reading and arithmetic without neglecting other lines of work. Reading or getting thought from the printed or written page is the most important subject taught. Unless a pupil can read well — is able to get the thought expressed, very little can be accomplished.

In arithmetic daily drill in mental work is given, all problems that are not practical are eliminated, and we are endeavoring to train the pupils to give a clear explanation in correct language of the steps taken in their work. The pupils are taught to make out bills, receipts, orders, notes, checks and all common business forms. In many of the schools improvement in reading and arithmetic is evident.

Spelling should be taught thoroughly. Only a few new words are given each day and the pupils are taught to use them properly in sentences. In eight years of thirty-two weeks, one ought to learn to spell and to use correctly at least all the common words in the English language. It is often claimed that the spelling twenty-five or thirty years ago was better than it is to-day; but examination papers of that time that are still in existence, and other material are evidences that spelling *has improved*, and there is still opportunity for improvement.

For a number of years the graduates of our high school have felt obliged to complete their course in some school out of town. The course has been extended and broadened and good work is done as far as it is possible with existing conditions; but with only two teachers and one recitation room we cannot do the work that is accomplished by approved high schools; but, with one more teacher and another recitation room, we can give our pupils the benefit of a complete high school course.



Most of the pupils in the high school will finish their school work here. It is, therefore, very necessary that we give them as far as possible a good business course and allow them to choose those subjects that will be of the greatest advantage to them when they have gone out from our schools.

In our school work we are endeavoring to develop not only the intellectual side of the child, but by precept and example we are trying to lead him to acquire those virtues that make for character, honesty, purity, kindness, neatness, punctuality and a reverence for all that is sacred.

The test of sight and hearing has been made as is required by law with the following results :

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Number of pupils tested,      | 366 |
| Number deficient in eyesight, | 43  |
| Number deficient in hearing,  | 11  |
| Number of parents notified,   | 30  |

In closing I wish to thank the committee for their hearty support, the teachers for their co-operation and the citizens for their courtesy which have made my work pleasant and, I trust, helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVAN R. LEWIS, *Supt. of Schools.*

Feb. 15, 1909.

# Belchertown High School

## COMMENCEMENT

1908



## CLASS OF 1908

### **Latin Course**

*Kitchel Florence Adkins  
Phyllis Edwards Hopkins  
Blanche Emma Hurlburt*

### **English Course**

*Lewis Andrews Dyer  
William Joseph Flynn  
Florence Gertrude Gould  
Ethel Elmira Hurlburt  
Maude Olive Mansfield  
Roland Merrill Shaw  
John Joseph Sullivan*

Friday Evening, June the Nineteenth



# ... Program ...

Processional

Invocation

Salutatory--The Origin of Property

Chorus--Morning Invitation

English in the High School

Early American Poetry

Forests and Forestry

Chorus--Venetian Boatmen's Song

REV. J. B. ADKINS

MISS BLANCHE HURLBURT

MISS MANSFIELD

MISS ADKINS

MR. SHAW

Class Prophecy

MISS GOULD

Gold

MISS ETHEL HURLBURT

The Development of the National Government

MR. FLYNN

The Pilgrims' Chorus from Tannhauser

Oliver Cromwell

MR. DYER

Our National Parks

MR. SULLIVAN

Valedictory--The Women of Shakespeare

MISS HOPKINS

Twelfth Mass--Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Presentation of Diplomas

MR. GEORGE H. B. GREEN

Recessional--Pax et Lux

*Wagner*

*Veazie*

*Mozart*

*Dow*

*Bach*

## SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                  |             |              |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Balance Feb. 15, 1908,           | \$ 2,293.18 |              |
| Appropriation, March, 1908,      | 5,200.00    |              |
| Received from State School fund, | 1,258.41    |              |
| “ “ Superintendency fund,        | 900.00      |              |
| “ “ Bridgman H. S. “             | 242.40      |              |
| “ for tuition of state wards,    | 483.50      |              |
| “ “ “ Ludlow pupils,             | 8.00        |              |
|                                  | <hr/>       | \$ 10,385.49 |

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                |             |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Teachers' wages from treasury,                                 | \$ 5,793.67 |              |
| “ “ “ Bridgman fund,                                           | 242.40      |              |
| School supervision,                                            | 1,237.20    |              |
| Books and supplies,                                            | 315.86      |              |
| Fuel,                                                          | 497.62      |              |
| Janitors,                                                      | 132.55      |              |
| Miscellaneous,                                                 | 52.35       |              |
| Overdrawn for Miss Johnson whose<br>school closed prematurely, | 19.20       |              |
| Overdrawn for others,                                          | 129.50      |              |
|                                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 8,420.35  |
| Unexpended balance,                                            | 1,965.14    |              |
|                                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 10,385.49 |

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

|                        |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Balance Feb. 15, 1908, | \$ 273.60 |           |
| Paid W. A. Kimball,    | 52.00     |           |
| Unexpended balance,    | <hr/>     | \$ 221.60 |

## TOWN ACCOUNT.

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance Feb. 15, 1908, for general repairs, | \$ 166.11 |
| No appropriation,                           |           |



## EXPENDITURES.

|                                               |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| J. A. Foote, slate, for E. Hill & Washington, | \$ 44.72  |           |
| A. H. Cutting, setting same,                  | 13.50     |           |
| Freight and cartage,                          | 4.65      |           |
| Cleaning and other sanitary work,             | 24.55     |           |
| Mrs. Longley, paid for general repairs,       | 4.50      |           |
| Mrs. Spencer,                   “             | 10.80     |           |
| Dr. Perry,                       “            | 22.25     |           |
| Mr. Green,                     “              | 44.60     |           |
|                                               | <hr/>     |           |
|                                               | \$ 169.57 |           |
| Exceeded appropriation,                       | 3.46      |           |
|                                               | <hr/>     | \$ 166.11 |

E. R. Peeso and Geo. H. B. Green were appointed a special committee to make certain improvements in the Center School building & there was

|                                     |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriated for this purpose,      | \$ 200.00 |           |
| Rec'd from sale of windows, etc.,   | 18.35     |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     | \$ 218.35 |
| Paid T. M. Walker, doors & windows, | \$ 51.88  |           |
| C. M. Lyman, registers,             | 15.00     |           |
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies,            | 4.20      |           |
| H. A. Hoag, as per contract,        | 130.00    |           |
| “       labor,                      | 3.80      |           |
| S. A. Hodgkins, painting, etc.,     | 14.00     |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     |           |
|                                     | \$ 218.88 |           |
| Exceeded appropriation,             | .53       |           |
|                                     | <hr/>     | \$ 218.35 |

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## DETAILED STATEMENT.

## TEACHERS' WAGES.

|              |                     | Weeks • |                        |            |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|------------|
| High School, | E. C. Polk,         | 36      | \$ 27.77 $\frac{7}{8}$ | \$ 1000.00 |
| “       “    | Helen J. Goodspeed, | 12      | 13.88 $\frac{7}{8}$    | 166.67     |
| “       “    | Helen J. Goodspeed, | 24      | 15.00                  | 360.00     |

|                 |                        |                  |          |           |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Center Gram.,   | Mary G. Ryan,          | 11               | \$ 12.00 | \$ 132.00 |
| “ “             | Ida L. Shaw,           | 21               | 12.50    | 262.50    |
| “ Int.,         | Marion E. Bartlett,    | 32               | 10.00    | 320.00    |
| “ Prim.,        | Alma Bartlett,         | 11               | 10.00    | 110.00    |
| “ “             | S. Belle Snow,         | 21               | 10.00    | 210.00    |
| Cold Spring,    | Bridget C. Fitzgerald, | 32               | 7.00     | 224.00    |
| Franklin Gram., | Nellie G. Shea,        | 11               | 8.00     | 88.00     |
| “ “             | Nellie G. Shea,        | 21               | 8.50     | 178.50    |
| “ Prim.,        | Nellie Sullivan,       | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00     |
| “ “             | Nellie Sullivan,       | 21               | 9.50     | 199.50    |
| Liberty,        | Catherine Monyhan,     | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00     |
| “               | Catherine Monyhan,     | 21               | 9.50     | 199.50    |
| Washington,     | Myrtle Kezar,          | 8                | 6.50     | 52.00     |
| “               | Myrtle Kezar,          | 24               | 7.00     | 168.00    |
| Rock Rimmon,    | Amy B. Crombie,        | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00     |
| “ “             | Ruby L. Munsing,       | 21               | 6.00     | 126.00    |
| Chestnut Hill,  | May Carmody,           | 32               | 8.00     | 256.00    |
| Holyoke,        | Grace E. Thayer,       | 22               | 7.00     | 154.00    |
| “               | Edmund F. Blackmer,    | 1                | 10.00    | 10.00     |
| “               | Victor A. Blackmer,    | 9                | 7.00     | 63.00     |
| Federal,        | Iva G. White,          | 18               | 8.00     | 144.00    |
| “               | Elsie E. Frary,        | 3                | 8.00     | 24.00     |
| “               | Elsie E. Frary,        | 11               | 7.00     | 77.00     |
| Lake Vale,      | Libbie Gutberlett,     | 32               | 7.00     | 224.00    |
| Union,          | Alma R. Gold,          | 11               | 10.00    | 110.00    |
| “               | Amy B. Crombie,        | 17 $\frac{1}{5}$ | 8.00     | 137.60    |
| West Hill,      | Rose I. Dostal,        | 11               | 6.00     | 66.00     |
| “ “             | Effie Witt,            | 21               | 5.00     | 105.00    |
| East Hill,      | Ruby F. Knight,        | 11               | 7.00     | 77.00     |
| “ “             | Grace E. Thayer,       | 4                | 6.00     | 24.00     |
| “ “             | Grace E. Thayer,       | 6                | due.     |           |
| Laurel,         | Edith Towne,           | 32               | 8.00     | 256.00    |
| Blue Meadow,    | Ella Stebbins,         | 11               | 6.00     | 66.00     |
| “ “             | Florence Johnson,      | 18 $\frac{3}{5}$ | 8.00     | 148.80    |

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\$ 6,036.07



|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Less paid from Bridgman fund, | 242.40             |
| Paid from town treasury,      | <u>\$ 5,793.67</u> |

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### JANITORS.

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| S. A. Hodgkins, center schools, | \$ 90.00         |
| In other schools, Dr. Perry,    | 17.50            |
| “ “ “ Mrs. Spencer,             | 11.05            |
| “ “ “ Geo. H. B. Green,         | 14.00            |
|                                 | <u>\$ 132.55</u> |

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### FUEL

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Guy C. Allen,             | \$ 16.50         |
| M. C. Bardwell,           | 1.25             |
| M. W. Bardwell,           | 15.00            |
| E. R. Blackmer,           | 41.25            |
| Bond & Peeso,             | 5.00             |
| Geo. H. B. Green,         | 33.25            |
| J. W. Hurlburt,           | 18.00            |
| F. H. Lincoln,            | 4.75             |
| Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, | .75              |
| James Moriarty,           | 63.00            |
| Pratt Bros.,              | 61.75            |
| Pratt Bros., 1907,        | 91.00            |
| D. F. Shumway,            | 12.37            |
| Shumway & Green,          | 60.50            |
| H. H. Ward,               | 5.00             |
| Wm. Wilson,               | 11.00            |
| E. C. Witt,               | 45.25            |
| James Mc Lean,            | 12.00            |
|                           | <u>\$ 497.62</u> |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                        |          |           |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| A. H. Bartlett,        | \$ 30.92 |           |
| E. E. Babb,            | 190.86   |           |
| Alma Bartlett,         | 5.50     |           |
| L. H. Blackmer,        | 3.54     |           |
| Arthur Bridgman,       | .65      |           |
| Ginn & Co.,            | 41.48    |           |
| D. C. Heath & Co.,     | 16.72    |           |
| Hinds & Noble,         | 13.14    |           |
| Mineral Ink Co.,       | 3.55     |           |
| Nellie Shea,           | 2.90     |           |
| Silver Burdette & Co., | 6.60     |           |
| Freight & express,     | 4.71     |           |
|                        | <hr/>    | \$ 320.57 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|                                                    |          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| L. H. Blackmer, printing,                          | \$ 13.69 |          |
| G. F. Ellinwood, postage,                          | 1.03     |          |
| Geo. H. B. Green, freight, express, postage, etc., | 20.74    |          |
| W. M. Welch, diplomas,                             | 10.25    |          |
| Mrs. Spencer, census work,                         | 6.00     |          |
| Mrs. Spencer, postage,                             | .64      |          |
|                                                    | <hr/>    | \$ 52.35 |

## COST OF SUPERVISION.

|                                |           |            |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Geo. F. Ellinwood, Supt.,      | \$ 500.00 |            |
| Alvan R. Lewis, “              | 580.00    |            |
| Maria D. S. Longley, Com.,     | 20.00     |            |
| Mary E. Spencer, “             | 27.50     |            |
| S. W. Perry, Com. to July 1,   | 20.70     |            |
| Geo. H. B. Green, Com.,        | 65.00     |            |
| D. F. Shumway, truant officer, | 20.00     |            |
| Thomas Landers, “ “            | 4.00      |            |
|                                | <hr/>     | \$ 1237.20 |



## SUMMARY OF BILLS APPROVED.

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Teachers' wages,                | \$ 5,793.67       |
| School supervision,             | 1,237.20          |
| Fuel,                           | 497.62            |
| Books and supplies,             | 315.86            |
| Janitors,                       | 132.55            |
| Transportation,                 | 52.00             |
| Miscellaneous items,            | 52.35             |
| General repairs,                | 169.57            |
| Repairs on center school house, | 218.88            |
| Cash overdrawn,                 | 148.70            |
| Total,                          | ————— \$ 8,618.40 |

## UNEXPENDED BALANCES.

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| School account, regular,             | \$ 1,965.14 |
| School account, transportation,      | 221.60      |
| Appropriation exceeded town account, | 3.99        |

## CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE EIGHTH GRADE.

July 6, 1908.

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Lucy Barnes,       | Henry Baggs,       |
| Edna M. Doolittle, | Lewis Dodge,       |
| Bertha L. Eaton,   | Dwight Moody,      |
| Alma Hannum,       | Vernon Sturtevant, |
| Esther Jackson,    | Clifford Sheldon.  |

## CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Florence Baggs,    | Daniel Coleman,   |
| Anna M. Coleman,   | Thomas O'Connor,  |
| Mary Hannifin,     | Paul R. Squires,  |
| Marion D. Ketchen, | Clayton Waite,    |
| Olive Lapolice,    | Carlton E. White. |
| Mary Sanford,      |                   |
| Gertrude Shea,     |                   |

Minnie S. Stadler,  
Agnes Thayer,  
Edith M. Thayer.

## EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for admission to the eighth grade in the Center School and to the High School, will be examined in the High School rooms, Saturday, June 26, at 9.00 A. M.

On account of serious illness, Mrs. Maria D. S. Longley, who for many years has been an efficient and valued member of the School Board, felt compelled to resign ; and Mrs. D. P. Spencer was chosen to serve during the remainder of the year.

There have been several outbreaks of diphtheria during the year: the first appearing in our village schools during the last week of the spring term, necessitating their sudden closing and also preventing the holding of the graduating exercises of the High School, arrangements for which had already been completed.

The dread disease again appeared this winter in the Union School and claimed as its victim John Lynndahl, a bright young lad and a general favorite among his mates.

A few weeks later it appeared in the Blue Meadow School causing this also to be prematurely closed.

Your Committee desire to again call your attention to the need of additional room for our Grammar and High school work. We heartily endorse the remarks of our superintendent on this subject and trust you will realize the importance of the matter and make some provision to meet the need.

### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

|                                                                                                                                                                                |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| For support of schools, — To include teachers' wages, cost of fuel, books, supplies and incidentals, salary of School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers and Janitors, | \$ 5,200.00 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|

|                      |                   |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| For general repairs, | 600.00            |             |
|                      | <u>          </u> | \$ 5,800.00 |

GEORGE H. B. GREEN, } *School Committee*  
DR. S. W. PERRY, } *of*  
MRS. D. P. SPENCER, } *Belchertown.*



## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole Number. | No. enrolled. | No. over 15. | No. between 5 and 15. | No. between 7 and 14. | Spring      |             | Fall.       |             | Winter.     |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |               |               |              |                       |                       | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. |
| High. . . . .                | 79            | 60            | 44           | 12                    | 4                     | 50          | 47          | 55          | 52          | 45          | 44          |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 47            | 33            | 3            | 30                    | 26                    | 28          | 27          | 28          | 28          | 25          | 24          |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 27            | 21            | 0            | 21                    | 20                    | 20          | 19          | 16          | 16          | 17          | 16          |
| Center Primary . . . . .     | 36            | 36            | 0            | 36                    | 26                    | 27          | 26          | 23          | 22          | 21          | 20          |
| Cold Spring. . . . .         | 18            | 14            | 1            | 13                    | 9                     | 11          | 11          | 14          | 13          | 16          | 15          |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 24            | 19            | 0            | 19                    | 19                    | 19          | 18          | 22          | 21          | 20          | 20          |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 43            | 38            | 0            | 38                    | 27                    | 36          | 33          | 35          | 33          | 37          | 35          |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 43            | 40            | 0            | 40                    | 29                    | 36          | 35          | 28          | 27          | 29          | 27          |
| Washington. . . . .          | 36            | 29            | 0            | 29                    | 20                    | 26          | 23          | 29          | 27          | 28          | 23          |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        | 13            | 12            | 0            | 12                    | 11                    | 11          | 10          | 8           | 8           | 8           | 8           |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 25            | 20            | 1            | 19                    | 17                    | 20          | 19          | 21          | 20          | 22          | 20          |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 20            | 18            | 0            | 18                    | 14                    | 19          | 17          | 20          | 18          | 20          | 17          |
| Federal . . . . .            | 30            | 25            | 1            | 24                    | 22                    | 18          | 18          | 24          | 22          | 28          | 25          |
| Lake Vale. . . . .           | 15            | 14            | 0            | 14                    | 10                    | 11          | 10          | 12          | 12          | 11          | 10          |
| Union. . . . .               | 25            | 21            | 0            | 21                    | 14                    | 14          | 13          | 16          | 15          | 16          | 13          |
| West Hill . . . . .          | 13            | 9             | 0            | 11                    | 10                    | 8           | 7           | 8           | 7           | 10          | 9           |
| East Hill. . . . .           | 8             | 8             | 1            | 7                     | 6                     | 8           | 7           |             |             | 5           | 5           |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 14            | 9             | 0            | 9                     | 8                     | 9           | 8           | 13          | 12          | 8           | 6           |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 9             | 9             | 0            | 9                     | 7                     | 9           | 8           | 9           | 8           | 9           | 8           |
|                              | 525           | 435           | 51           | 382                   | 299                   | 380         | 356         | 381         | 361         | 375         | 345         |

## Roll of Honor.

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PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE EIGHT YEARS.

Florence Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE SEVEN YEARS.

Ruth Jackson.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FIVE YEARS.

Anna Coleman.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Henry Martin.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE THREE YEARS.

Maria Baggs,

Beatrice Squires.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Lillian Austin.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Helen Austin,

Julia Schvert,

Olive Demarest,

Minnie Barnes,

Esther Jackson,

Edward Sneider,

Waring Randall,

Ethel Dewey,

Julia Cavanaugh,

Susie Squires.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Orrin Davis,

Maud La Crosse,

Kathleen Forrest,

Everett Geer,



Dorothy Thomson,  
 Dwight Moody,  
 Bernard Keyes,  
 John Keyes,  
 Patrick Landers,  
 Mildred Sullivan,  
 Joseph Toper,  
 Jennie Wludyka,  
 Alice Austin,  
 Catherine Austin,  
 Herbert Bardwell,  
 Guy Mellen,  
 James Keyes,  
 Clarence Washburn,  
 Gertrude Shea.

Geo. Forrest,  
 Sadie Demarest,  
 Thomas Legrand,  
 Minnie Stadler,  
 Blake Jackson,  
 Ruth Pierce,  
 Isabel Bardwell,  
 Mable Barnes,  
 Eda Stadler,  
 Minnie Kentfield,  
 Bertha Kentfield,  
 Charles Readon,  
 Lewis Thayer,  
 Fred Damon,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Edna Doolittle,  
 Mabel Grant,  
 Marion Grant,  
 Alma Hannum,  
 Earl Moody,  
 Earl Witt,  
 Paul Barrett,  
 Orrin Davis,  
 Mabel Wood,  
 Louise Davis,  
 Raymond Blackmer,  
 Belding Jackson,  
 Irene Orlando,  
 Ned Sargent,  
 William Kimball,  
 Charles Bowler,  
 Raymond Bowler,  
 Herbert Geer,  
 Maybelle Bowler,  
 Maggie Brown,

Michael Cavanaugh,  
 Josephine Cavanaugh,  
 John Doubrawa,  
 Katherine Doubrawa,  
 Merle Gay,  
 G. Stacy Gay,  
 Gladys Gay,  
 Charles Glover,  
 Emma Stadler,  
 Wm. Archambault,  
 Hedwig Engelman,  
 Gladys Small,  
 Lillian Small,  
 Edgar Shumway,  
 Luella Bardwell,  
 Esther Mc Fayden,  
 Walter Pierce,  
 Elsie Rogers,  
 Euzebe Morin,  
 Eugene Morin,

William Kearney,  
 Mary Cavanaugh,  
 Charlotte Fillmore,  
 Leo Jenks,  
 Harold Hudson,  
 Lowdzer Antanovitch,  
 John Pranaitis,  
 Annie Pranaitis,  
 Paul Squires,  
 May Deely,  
 George Ardill,  
 Evlina Dubuque,  
 Alice Hanifin,  
 Frank Wludyka,  
 Frances Gould,  
 Reta Ransom,  
 Ella Moriarty,  
 Katherine Moriarty,  
 Jean Forrest,  
 George Moody,  
 Maud Austin,  
 Marie Davis,  
 Agnes Thayer,  
 Edith Thayer,  
 Edward Rys,  
 Henry Rys,  
 Joseph Rys,  
 Bernadette Shea,

Fred Fillmore,  
 Helen Keyes,  
 William Keyes,  
 William Shaw,  
 Clifton Witt,  
 Daniel Coleman,  
 Beatrice Bolter,  
 Andrew Callanan,  
 Violette Canterbury,  
 Annie Czepiel,  
 Chester Conway,  
 Elizabeth Fitz Gerald,  
 Edward Joblonski,  
 Neljo Joblonski,  
 Patrick Keyes,  
 Mae La Crosse,  
 Nellie Landers,  
 Joseph Lebida,  
 Stanley Lebida,  
 Staffie Murray,  
 Stanley Murray,  
 Annie Rief,  
 Edith Rief,  
 Margaret Shea,  
 Anna Sullivan,  
 John Sullivan,  
 Maud La Crosse,  
 Mae Sullivan.



# Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the first day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, vote "yes" or "no," all on one ballot in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town, November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: One Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners

of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, to include teachers' salaries, the cost of fuel, school books, and other supplies, salaries of School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers, Janitors and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repair of school houses.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray pauper expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town expenses.

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges and and to take such action on said repairs as the town shall deem best.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to take the necessary measures to abolish the first two grade crossings on the Central Vermont R. R. north of Barrett's Junction and act thereon, agreeable to a petition of Asa C. Smith and fifteen others.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to pay any indebtedness caused by the overdrawing of appropriations in the past.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds of the Treasurer.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds, stationery and postage of the Tax Collector in addition to his present salary.

ART. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to use and care of the town house.

ART. 15. Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred eight, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire," be accepted by this town?

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the selectmen, beginning at the corner west of Geo. Knight's, running past the reservoir towards the West Hill school house.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to buy a new road scraper, raise and appropriate money for same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise money to defray the expense of lighting the streets for the year ensuing and act thereon.



ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the selectmen, and treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 20. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes, that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to fix the time when all taxes must be paid, also to see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid on or before a certain date and act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise one hundred dollars to remodel the chemical engine, and act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to fence the High School yard, and take such action thereon as they may deem necessary.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three, to be known as the committee on appropriations, who shall carefully investigate and report to the next annual meeting, the amounts needed in the several departments to be expended the ensuing year.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds.

ART. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February A. D. 1909.

|                 |   |              |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | Selectmen    |
| E. C. WITT,     |   | of           |
| E. R. PEESO,    |   | Belchertown. |



















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# Assessors' Report.

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Valuation of real estate,     | \$ 757,675.00      |
| Valuation of personal estate, | 158,520.00         |
|                               | <hr/> \$916,195.00 |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$ 17.30 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$ 13,107.77       |
| Tax on personal estate, | 2,742.39           |
| Tax on 566 polls,       | 1,132.00           |
|                         | <hr/> \$ 16,982.16 |

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$ 13,345.00       |
| State tax,                          | 1,215.00           |
| State highway tax,                  | 117.60             |
| County tax,                         | 1,511.98           |
| Bridge tax,                         | 520.00             |
| Overlayings,                        | 272.58             |
|                                     | <hr/> \$ 16,982.16 |

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Added assessment,                   | \$ 10.00 |
| Residents assessed on property,     | 540      |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 150      |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 185      |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,970   |
| Horses,                             | 515      |
| Cows,                               | 1,447    |
| Neat cattle, other than cows,       | 355      |
| Sheep,                              | 16       |
| Swine,                              | 166      |
| Fowls,                              | 3,790    |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 503      |

|                    |                                                        |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR., | } <i>Assessors</i><br><i>of</i><br><i>Belchertown.</i> |
| A. L. PRATT,       |                                                        |
| F. B. ALDEN,       |                                                        |

## Collector's Report.

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|                                                                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance in Collector's hands Feb. 1, 1909, for tax 1908,                              | \$ 2,563.62        |
| Amount collected and paid Treasurer,                                                  | 2,563.62           |
| The amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors' warrant, dated July 9, 1909, | \$ 16,982.16       |
| Amount of added assessments,                                                          | 10.00              |
| Total,                                                                                | <hr/> \$ 16,992.16 |
| He has collected and paid to the Treasurer,                                           | \$ 15,264.93       |
| Balance in Collector's hands,                                                         | <hr/> 1,727.23     |

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*



# Report of Supt. of Highways.

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*For the fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1910.*

District bounderies, persons employed and amount expended for general repairs etc.

## DISTRICT NO 1.

Beginning at Post Office, going north on Amherst road to Chandler four corners, thence from Federal St. watering tank past Bruce place to Comb's corner, thence from said corner on Enfield road to the Post Office, also the road leading past the houses of Herbert Barrett and C. H. Snow and east side of common, New St., etc., thence from Main St., near the house of James A. Peeso on Maple St., to Town Farm corner.

Beginning again at Post Office, going southerly on Palmer road to Leach crossing, thence from near the residence of Addison Bartlett on Ware road to corner of mill road at old Forward cemetery, thence on mill road to E. H. Dyer's mill, thence from Dyer's mill to Miss Hattie Moody's place to Enfield road, also the new road from Enfield road near the house of O. B. Davis leading to Dyer's mill to old mill road, also the road lately built leading from a point near the house of the late A. B. Howard to Depot St.

|                                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Peeso & Goodell, last year's account for plank, | \$ 9.78   |
| D. F. Shumway, labor,                                | \$ 163.45 |
| E. H. Dyer, labor,                                   | 73.00     |

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid William Kibbie, labor, | \$ 69.92 |           |
| Clarence Rogers, labor,     | 17.87    |           |
| Arnold Rowe, labor,         | 15.00    |           |
| Leon Aldrich, labor,        | 31.94    |           |
| John Riley, labor,          | .25      |           |
| John Wood, labor,           | 5.85     |           |
| Harry Hannum, labor,        | 2.10     |           |
| George Claflin, labor,      | 5.25     |           |
| Jerry Riley, labor,         | 9.62     |           |
| S. B. Signor, labor,        | 5.87     |           |
| Henry Ann, labor,           | .65      |           |
| Robert Baggs, labor,        | 5.25     |           |
| Harold Powers, labor,       | 3.50     |           |
| W. A. Sauer, labor,         | 2.00     |           |
| George Oliver, labor,       | 3.75     |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 415.27 |

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Beginning at corner of Pelham road and Federal St. near the house of Mrs. C. A. Powell, going north on Pelham road to Pratt Brothers' mill, also on Enfield and Amherst road from Chandler's four corners past the houses of Lyman Jenks and Everett Snow to the corner near the house of Guy C. Allen, also the road leading from the Main road past the house of F. S. Wilson to the Almon Lovett place.

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor,    | \$ 22.50 |           |
| H. D. Peeso, labor,         | 8.50     |           |
| F. E. Peeso, labor,         | 11.50    |           |
| John Haskell, labor,        | 1.00     |           |
| W. A. Sauer, men and teams, | 38.00    |           |
| William Shaw, labor,        | 7.00     |           |
| George Dwight, labor,       | 5.50     |           |
| F. S. Wilson, labor,        | 15.05    |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 109.05 |



## DISTRICT NO 3.

Beginning at the Main road near the house of Guy C. Allen on what is known as the Jucket road, past the house of Marshal Thayer to Pelham town line, from said road on School house road to Pratt Brothers' mill.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid H. D. Paine, labor, | \$ 55.78 |          |
| A. T. Pike,              | 10.51    |          |
| M. W. Thayer,            | 19.24    |          |
| H. M. Jépson,            | 2.16     |          |
| H. Lines,                | 1.75     |          |
| R. W. Rackliff,          | .25      |          |
| Henry Paine,             | 2.10     |          |
| Theron Pratt,            | 1.31     |          |
| William Plant,           | 1.50     |          |
| Fred Terrien,            | 2.30     |          |
| For spikes,              | .45      |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 97.35 |

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Beginning at Pratt Bros. mill on Pelham road to Pelham town line, thence from said road on what is called Munsell road to the West side of Munsell cemetery, thence northerly from the house of Alfred Terrien to the main highway near the Springfield reservoir, thence from Pelham town line, east of the house of George Knight on Amherst road to Pelham town line, thence from the house of Mr. Mead on the road leading to Dwight's Station to the four corners near Scarborough ponds, thence northerly from four corners to Pelham town line, thence from four corners past Almon Lovett's place to a point south of Smith place.

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor, | \$ 20.00 |
| H. D. Peeso,             | 8.00     |
| F. E. Peeso,             | 10.00    |
| William Shaw,            | 5.25     |
| George Dwight,           | 3.50     |
| A. S. Lovett,            | 1.75     |

|                                  |          |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid W. A. Sauer, men and teams, | \$ 32.00 |          |
| Fred Terrien, labor,             | 3.00     |          |
| Alonzo Blackmer,                 | 3.50     |          |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$ 87.00 |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Beginning at Chandler's four corners on Amherst road to C. V. R. R. at Dwight's Station, thence from said road at Dwight's Post Office to the house or near the house of G. R. Dickinson, thence from guide board west of Upper Bridgman pond past the house of the late Sanford Arnold to the four corners near the house of F. D. Goodale.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid H. C. Dodge, labor, | \$ 29.90 |          |
| George W. Akers,         | 16.00    |          |
| Eugene Pratt,            | 1.50     |          |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 9.38     |          |
| Arnold Rowe,             | 11.13    |          |
| William Lowell,          | 6.13     |          |
| Ed. Atwood,              | 3.00     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 77.04 |

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Beginning at C. V. R. R. at Dwight's Station on Amherst road to town line north of house of Horatio Marsh, thence from Amherst road near Dwight's on Gulf road to four corners near Scarborough trout pond, also the cross road running past the Bartlett saw mill to the Amherst road.

|                          |          |           |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid H. C. Dodge, labor, | \$ 95.71 |           |
| George Akers,            | 61.00    |           |
| Arnold Rowe,             | 34.47    |           |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 32.72    |           |
| Eugene Pratt,            | 23.10    |           |
| William Knowlton,        | 12.60    |           |
| Homer Pratt,             | 3.50     |           |
| William Lowell,          | 4.37     |           |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 267.47 |



## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Beginning at four corners near the house of F. D. Goodale past the houses of Frank Wilson and Sylvester Smith, to the Amherst road, thence from four corners near Cook's trout pond running west past the house of Mrs. Ober and the four corners near Sylvester Smith's to Amherst town line, thence from four corners near F. D. Goodale's on Amherst road to Amherst town line, thence from said four corners south to where said road intersects Northampton road, also the road leading past the house of the late Daniel Wilson to Amherst road at brick school house.

|                                    |          |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid F. D. Goodale, men and teams, | \$ 65.00 |          |
|                                    | <hr/>    | \$ 65.00 |

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

Beginning at Chandler four corners past the house of George Tufts on Pond Hill road leading to Northampton to Amherst town line, also road leading past Nelson Lamson's house to Charles Dickinson's, thence from corner near the house of the late Frank Bridgman on Pond Hill road and Granby road to Granby line, also road leading from Middle Pond to corner west of Lower Pond Cemetery, also road leading from Shannon place past houses of Mansfield Brothers and Hattie Hamilton to Granby road, also the road past Charles Pratt's house and Shannon house to corner near Chandler house so-called.

|                           |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid George Akers, labor, | \$ 29.38 |          |
| H. C. Dodge,              | 16.00    |          |
| William Lowell,           | 14.88    |          |
| Arnold Rowe,              | 10.50    |          |
| Dwight Jepson,            | 7.00     |          |
| James Mansfield,          | 2.00     |          |
| For spikes,               | .25      |          |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$ 80.01 |

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Beginning at Federal St., near the house of E. F. Munsell on Granby road, past Town Farm to Granby line, also the road leading

from the house of Amos Lamson past the house of Wm. Clough to the corner on Granby and Pond Hill road, also the road leading from C. Hayes' house past the house of George Coleman to Granby road, also the road running past the Weston mill privilege to Granby road, also the cross road leading past the Haskell place to the State road near the house of A. C. Underwood.

|                           |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid H. M. Lamson, labor, | \$ 26.21 |          |
| A. F. Lamson,             | 25.00    |          |
| Rufus Pierce,             | 1.50     |          |
| Harold Ketchen,           | 1.50     |          |
| Peter Brown,              | 3.50     |          |
| C. S. Lamson,             | 10.80    |          |
| H. M. Jepson, dynamite,   | 2.68     |          |
| Lumber for bridge,        | 8.25     |          |
|                           | —        | \$ 79.44 |

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Beginning at the four corners near the Combs' place on Enfield road to Enfield town line, also the road leading from Combs' corner and past the house of the late Joseph Main on Ware road to Ware town line, also the road past the houses of Ira Damon, A. E. Warner, and Geo. Guest to Enfield town line, also the road past the house of E. A. Randall to the Enfield and Belchertown road, also the road leading past the houses of Colquit Ward and Dwight Randall to the Ware road.

|                          |          |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Paid J. A. Peeso, labor, | \$ 20.00 |  |
| C. A. Marsh,             | 12.00    |  |
| S. B. Signor,            | 8.75     |  |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 8.75     |  |
| Eugene Dirk,             | 5.25     |  |
| Harold Norris,           | 8.75     |  |
| W. A. Sauer,             | 99.75    |  |
| Arnold Rowe,             | 2.62     |  |
| Lewis Capen,             | 20.00    |  |



|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Marshal Thayer, labor, | \$ 18.38 |           |
| Howard Spencer,             | 1.75     |           |
| Ned Rhodes,                 | 1.75     |           |
| Geo. Dwight,                | 4.50     |           |
| P. Landers,                 | 1.75     |           |
| Ira Damon,                  | 3.50     |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 217.50 |

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

Beginning at the Forward Cemetery on Ware road to Ware town line, also the road leading past the house of Arthur Aldrich, also the road leading past the houses of Peter Hanifin and P. Garvey to the Ware road east of the house of M. G. Ward, also the road past the houses of Roswell Allen and Mr. Eggleston to the Main road, also the road leading past the farm of A. M. Baggs to the West Ware River bridge, also the road leading from a point near Red bridge on Belcher-town and Ware road, northerly to aforesaid road and to the house of Thomas Ballou.

|                            |          |           |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor, | \$ 38.40 |           |
| Howard Spencer,            | 14.00    |           |
| George Claflin,            | 16.55    |           |
| James Miller,              | 1.50     |           |
| W. A. Sauer,               | 39.50    |           |
| Leon Antanawitch,          | 23.50    |           |
| William Prantis,           | 7.80     |           |
| Andrew Capen,              | 4.50     |           |
| Arthur Moore,              | 24.80    |           |
| Roswell Allen,             | 3.00     |           |
| Peter Hanifin,             | 15.50    |           |
|                            | <hr/>    | \$ 189.05 |

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Beginning at the house of John M. Sullivan, over B. & M. R. R. to Palmer town line or bridge near Hastings' Market, also the road from Mr. Landers' house to bridge near depot and from depot south to

main road, also the road leading from corner near Franklin school house past the house of John Austin and Mr. Shea's place as far north as the said road goes, also the road leading to Peter Garvey's place, also the road leading from Chapin place on Ware road to Bondsville milk station and to the house of Kennedy, also the two cross roads leading from the Tylerville cemetery to the road leading past the milk station.

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid James Moriarty, labor, | \$ 82.76 |           |
| Thomas Austin,              | 31.55    |           |
| John B. Shea,               | 17.70    |           |
| Joseph Wetzler,             | 38.00    |           |
| Maurice Moriarty,           | 45.61    |           |
| Eugene Sullivan,            | 7.88     |           |
| Frank Tilley,               | 1.50     |           |
| Thomas Connors,             | 2.25     |           |
| John Bromley,               | 1.75     |           |
| P. Moriarty,                | 4.00     |           |
| Geo. George,                | 1.05     |           |
| John Fitzgerald,            | 1.75     |           |
| Ed. Needham,                | 9.75     |           |
| Posts and railing,          | 1.40     |           |
| Cement,                     | .50      |           |
|                             |          | <hr/>     |
|                             |          | \$ 247.45 |

#### DISTRICT NO. 13.

Beginning at the Leach crossing of B. & M. and C. V. R. R., the highway leading to Three Rivers to the four corners just south of the residence of A. C. Smith, thence past the houses of A. C. Smith and Michael Austin to Ludlow town line, thence from four corners west of M. Austin's place leading past the houses of Nelson Barrett, Martin Bardwell and Henry Lincoln to main road, also the cross road from M. Bardwell's place leading past the house of the late Mrs. Harry Towne to Three Rivers road, also the cross road leading from the house of Nelson Barrett to Tylerville to Main road, also the road leading to the house of Frank Alden.



|                                         |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid M. F. Austin, labor, man and team, | \$ 131.99 |           |
| M. E. Cavanaugh, labor,                 | 36.00     |           |
| John Shea,                              | 16.62     |           |
| P. Cavanaugh,                           | 16.62     |           |
| Jerry Cavanaugh,                        | 32.00     |           |
| Patrick Cody,                           | 14.00     |           |
|                                         | <hr/>     | \$ 247.23 |

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

Beginning at a point where the highway crosses the B. and A. R. R. near what is known as Canterbury corner leading to Tylerville and past the house of the late A. Davis to the Three Rivers road, also the road near the Mansfield house leading to Thorndike to center of bridge, also the cross road leading from a point north of Tylerville on Palmer road to the Three Rivers road, also the road from near the house of Wm. Bolter past the house of Charles Haynes to Three Rivers road, also roads leading to and from Barrett's station, also the cross road leading from the house of Mr. Spear, past the house of P. Moriarty to the four corners of the Three Rivers road.

|                               |          |           |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Patrick Moriarty, labor, | \$ 70.66 |           |
| J. Bromley,                   | 25.44    |           |
| P. Sullivan,                  | 10.41    |           |
| Robert Smith,                 | 8.48     |           |
| Adam Adaminsky,               | 1.92     |           |
| Railings and spikes,          | 8.83     |           |
|                               | <hr/>    | \$ 125.74 |

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

Beginning at the four corners just south of A. C. Smith's place on Three Rivers road to Palmer town line, also the cross road past the house of James Fenton to the Belchertown and Ludlow cemetery or Ludlow town line, thence past the house of M. P. Bowler to the house of Erving Mills and past the house of Thomas Cody to the four corners north of house of Michael Cavanaugh.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Thomas Cody, labor, | \$ 32.20 |          |
| M. E. Cavanaugh,         | 20.80    |          |
| John Ahearn,             | 12.19    |          |
| Martin Shea,             | 10.42    |          |
| J. Shea,                 | 9.07     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 84.68 |

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

Beginning at the corner west of the house of M. S. Barton, the road leading to Ludlow and Springfield, to the corner below the house of M. A. Morse, also the cross road leading past the house of Charles Baggs to the corner near the house of E. F. Shumway, thence past the house of E. F. Shumway to the State road near the house of Fred Crony.

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid J. W. Hurlburt, labor, | \$ 30.00 |           |
| B. F. Hubbard,              | 15.75    |           |
| D. F. Shumway,              | 8.00     |           |
| William Kibbie,             | 3.50     |           |
| Joe Noel,                   | 14.00    |           |
| Robert Baggs,               | 12.25    |           |
| C. R. Green,                | 20.00    |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 103.50 |

## DISTRICT NO. 17.

Beginning at the corner near the house of M. A. Morse, past the houses of Merrill Williams and Arthur Pease to the corner near the house of Martin Bardwell, also the Ludlow canal road to town line, also the road past the house of Wm. Capen to Springfield road, thence from place of beginning on Ludlow and Springfield road to Ludlow town line.

|                          |          |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Paid M. A. Morse, labor, | \$ 44.75 |  |
| H. D. Taylor,            | 13.12    |  |
| Thomas McGowen,          | 23.10    |  |
| L. E. Williams,          | 6.12     |  |
| Peter Adzma,             | 5.20     |  |



|                   |         |           |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| Paid Ben Hubbard, | \$ 1.00 |           |
| For gravel,       | 7.38    |           |
|                   | <hr/>   | \$ 100.67 |

## DISTRICT NO. 18.

Beginning at the corner near the house of E. F. Shumway and past the houses of the late Sumner Knight, E. E. Gay and David Olds to Ludlow town line, also the road leading past the houses of G. H. B. Green and A. D. Moore to the end of said road, thence from Sumner Knight's place to Talmage place, thence from F. G. Shaw's place easterly to Ludlow and Springfield road.

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid A. D. Moore, labor,    | \$ 23.81 |           |
| Andrew Sears,               | 7.00     |           |
| Clifton Cowee,              | 6.54     |           |
| Fred Gaulaus,               | .88      |           |
| William Bell,               | 6.90     |           |
| C. A. Marsh,                | 4.00     |           |
| C. R. Green, men and team,  | 46.24    |           |
| E. E. Gay, " " "            | 55.07    |           |
| Geo. H. B. Green, dynamite, | 2.41     |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 152.85 |

## DISTRICT NO. 19.

Beginning near the house of Thomas Riley to the house of Avery Stacy, thence from said Stacy's, south to state road. Beginning again at the west end of state road to Granby town line, thence the back road to the Bissell place, thence from main highway to John Bardwell place, thence from near the Holyoke school-house past the houses of Henry McKellop and Edgar Lane to main road near the John Walker place.

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid M. C. Bardwell, labor, | \$ 46.23 |          |
| Robert Bardwell,            | 17.08    |          |
| Michael McKellop,           | 3.50     |          |
| William Bardwell,           | 8.00     |          |
| W. H. Belding,              | 4.38     |          |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 79.19 |

|                                                                    |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total expended for general repairs,                                | \$ 2,825.49 |
| Considerable of this amount has been expended<br>in cutting brush. |             |

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WINTER ACCOUNT.  
PAID FOR LABOR BREAKING ROADS.

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DISTRICT NO. 2.

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor, | \$ 3.00 |         |
| C. L. Jenks,             | 2.00    |         |
| F. S. Wilson,            | 1.00    |         |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$ 6.00 |

DISTRICT NO. 3.

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid H. D. Paine, labor, | \$ 3.50 |          |
| A. L. Kimball,           | 1.88    |          |
| A. T. Pike,              | 8.05    |          |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$ 13.43 |

DISTRICT NO. 4.

|                  |         |          |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid C. A. Mayo, | \$ 3.55 |          |
| E. M. Messier,   | 4.60    |          |
| A. S. Lovett,    | 1.00    |          |
| H. S. Pratt,     | 2.00    |          |
| Theron Pratt,    | .87     |          |
| Irving Pratt,    | .87     |          |
|                  | <hr/>   | \$ 12.89 |

DISTRICT NO. 5.

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid H. C. Dodge, labor, | \$ 4.00 |         |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$ 4.00 |

DISTRICT NO. 8.

|                            |         |          |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Geo. W. Akers, labor, | \$ 8.50 |          |
| James Mansfield,           | 3.50    |          |
|                            | <hr/>   | \$ 12.00 |



## DISTRICT NO. 10.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid W. A. Sauer, labor, | \$ 23.00 |          |
| P. Landers,              | 3.25     |          |
| Mr. Randolph,            | 3.25     |          |
| Dwight Randall,          | 1.00     |          |
| Arthur Chase,            | 5.25     |          |
| E. A. Randall,           | 2.28     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 38.03 |

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

|                            |         |          |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor, | \$ 4.70 |          |
| James Miller,              | 1.55    |          |
| Leon Antanawitch,          | 1.55    |          |
| William Prantis,           | 1.55    |          |
| Andrew Capen,              | 2.55    |          |
| Arthur Moore,              | 13.40   |          |
|                            | <hr/>   | \$ 25.30 |

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid Maurice Moriarty, labor, | \$ 1.75 |          |
| Thomas Austin,                | 1.44    |          |
| James F. Moriarty,            | 9.56    |          |
| E. Needham,                   | .87     |          |
| Henry Dulugue,                | 2.89    |          |
| Peter Dulugue,                | .87     |          |
| John Fitzgerald,              | .87     |          |
|                               | <hr/>   | \$ 18.25 |

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

|                           |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid M. F. Austin, labor, | \$ 18.30 |          |
| M. E. Cavanaugh,          | 5.60     |          |
| P. Cavanaugh,             | 2.10     |          |
| T. D. Sullivan,           | 2.65     |          |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$ 28.65 |

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

|                          |         |         |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Thomas Cody, labor, | \$ 5.18 |         |
|                          | <hr/>   | \$ 5.18 |

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

|                             |                   |         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Paid J. W. Hurlburt, labor, | \$ 2.40           |         |
| B. Brackett,                | 1.06              |         |
| J. J. Archambault,          | .35               |         |
|                             | <u>          </u> | \$ 3.81 |

## DISTRICT NO. 18.

|                                  |                   |                                |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Paid C. R. Green, men and teams, | \$ 11.44          |                                |
|                                  | <u>          </u> | \$ 11.44                       |
| Total of winter's work,          |                   | <u>          </u><br>\$ 170.98 |

## MISCELLANEOUS HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

|                                                            |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor on road scraper,                   | \$ 1.50 |
| E. R. Peeso, axle grease,                                  | .25     |
| For housing scraper,                                       | 1.00    |
| John M. Smith, scraper edge,                               | 8.00    |
| E. S. Snow, plank,                                         | .40     |
| George S. Warner, drawing bridge timber,                   | 3.00    |
| Potter & Bond, tile,                                       | 3.60    |
| E. R. Peeso, paid for shovels,                             | 2.25    |
| E. R. Peeso, labor on scraper,                             | 1.00    |
| C. W. Morse, painting road scraper, etc.,                  | 7.25    |
| John M. Smith, scraper edge,                               | 8.00    |
| Charles Davis, lettering sign boards,                      | 2.00    |
| G. L. Witt, gravel,                                        | 3.52    |
| Bond & Peeso, plank for Dist. No. 10,                      | 20.72   |
| Bond & Peeso, plank for Dist. No. 2,                       | 27.29   |
| E. R. Peeso, posts and railing,                            | 1.20    |
| Nelson Randall, tile,                                      | 6.52    |
| H. M. Jepson, dynamite,                                    | 18.26   |
| Bond & Peeso, timber and plank for<br>bridge, Dist. No. 6, | 36.04   |
| E. R. Peeso, frt. on scraper, bolts and gear,              | .55     |



|                                                         |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid C. L. Kimball, bridge timber, Dist. No. 10,        | \$ 9.44         |
| M. W. Bardwell, gravel, Dist. No. 13,                   | 8.00            |
| H. M. Jepson, dynamite, Dist. No. 10,                   | 3.29            |
| M. W. Bardwell, gravel,                                 | 2.64            |
| J. A. Peeso, bridge plank and timbers,<br>Dist. No. 17, | 14.78           |
| Bond & Peeso, plank, Dist. No. 11,                      | 16.06           |
| H. M. Jepson, dynamite,                                 | 2.15            |
| Geo. Claflin, clearing trees from highway,              | 5.00            |
| Bond & Peeso, plank, Dist. No. 3,                       | 10.39           |
| Bond & Peeso, plank, Dist. No. 10,                      | 13.40           |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co., for culvert,<br>Dist. No. 12,  | 36.45           |
| D. L. Hazen, gravel, labor, etc.,                       | 20.50           |
| Cornelius Riley, labor, Dist. No. 1,                    | 3.92            |
| H. D. Paine, bridge timber, Dist. No. 3,                | 8.11            |
| F. V. Sturtevant, cutting brush,                        | 3.00            |
| Bond & Peeso, plank, Dist. No. 5,                       | 8.41            |
| E. R. Peeso, services as Supt. of Streets,              | 25.00           |
| Total of miscellaneous expenses,                        | <hr/> \$ 342.89 |
| Total expended,                                         | \$ 3,339.36     |
| Unexpended balance,                                     | 160.64          |

E. R. PEESO, *Sup't. of Streets.*

# Report of the Overseers of Poor.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Feb. 4, 1910.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Bed linen,                      | \$ 23.00 |
| Table linen,                    | 6.00     |
| Towels, etc.,                   | 2.30     |
| 7 pairs of muslin curtains,     | 5.25     |
| 10 bed spreads and 25 blankets, | 16.00    |
| 6 feather beds,                 | 10.00    |
| 3 straw beds,                   | 1.50     |
| 5 mattresses,                   | 11.00    |
| 17 pillows,                     | 5.00     |
| 23 quilts,                      | 25.00    |
| 4 bed springs,                  | 11.00    |
| 1 bed room set,                 | 5.00     |
| 6 iron bedsteads,               | 15.00    |
| 5 wooden bedsteads,             | 5.00     |
| 15 bureaus,                     | 35.00    |
| 2 stands,                       | .50      |
| 26 chairs,                      | 16.50    |
| 1 dining room table,            | 6.00     |
| 1 center table,                 | 2.00     |
| 1 sofa,                         | 3.00     |
| 2 cook stoves,                  | 20.00    |
| 4 stoves,                       | 15.00    |
| 1 set of dishes,                | 8.00     |



|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Invalid chair No. 1,            | \$ 15.00 |
| Invalid chair No. 2,            | 5.00     |
| 1 carpet,                       | 10.00    |
| 2 linoleums,                    | 7.50     |
| 1 Incubator,                    | 3.00     |
| New range,                      | 45.00    |
| Pantry utensils, kettles, etc., | 17.00    |
| 9 lamps,                        | 2.00     |
| Soap,                           | 5.00     |
| Meat and provisions,            | 48.00    |
| 100 gallons of vinegar,         | 15.00    |
| 85 quarts of canned fruit,      | 25.00    |
| 51 " " pickles,                 | 5.00     |
| 9 " " canned vegetables,        | 1.35     |
| 60 cans of jelley,              | 5.00     |
| 10 bushels of turnips,          | 2.50     |
| 1 bushel of white beans,        | 2.50     |
| 1 bushel of beets,              | .50      |
| 100 lbs. of squashes,           | 1.50     |
| 3 barrels of apples,            | 6.00     |
| 80 bushels of No. 1 potatoes,   | 64.00    |
| 70 bushels of No. 2 potatoes,   | 35.00    |
| 35 bushels of No. 3 potatoes,   | 7.00     |
| 2 bushels of rye,               | 2.00     |
| 11 bags of mixed feed,          | 17.60    |
| 5 bags of gluten,               | 8.25     |
| 5 bags of meal,                 | 7.50     |
| 3 bags of cracked corn,         | 4.50     |
| 2 bags of brewery grain,        | 1.75     |
| 2 bushels of oats,              | 1.10     |
| 14 cords of wood in yard,       | 42.00    |
| 34 cords stove wood,            | 187.00   |
| 20 cords wood on lot,           | 50.00    |
| 1½ bushels of seed corn,        | 1.50     |
| 1½ bushels of sweet seed corn,  | 2.00     |

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 84 bushels of corn,           | \$ 30.00 |
| Horse No. 1,                  | 100.00   |
| Horse No. 2,                  | 100.00   |
| Horse No. 3,                  | 275.00   |
| Cow No. 1,                    | 40.00    |
| Cow No. 2,                    | 35.00    |
| Cow No. 3,                    | 45.00    |
| Cow No. 4,                    | 45.00    |
| Cow No. 5,                    | 50.00    |
| Cow No. 6,                    | 50.00    |
| Cow No. 7,                    | 55.00    |
| Cow No. 8,                    | 55.00    |
| Cow No. 9,                    | 45.00    |
| Cow No. 10,                   | 55.00    |
| Cow No. 11,                   | 47.50    |
| Cow No. 12,                   | 65.00    |
| Cow No. 13,                   | 50.00    |
| Cow No. 14,                   | 37.50    |
| Bull,                         | 30.00    |
| Sow,                          | 20.00    |
| 10 stake chains,              | 2.50     |
| 2 cable chains,               | 4.25     |
| Hoes, shovels, etc.,          | 5.00     |
| 90 hens and 3 roosters,       | 60.00    |
| 21 tons of No. 1 hay,         | 378.00   |
| 4 tons of stock hay,          | 40.00    |
| 3 tons of mowed oats,         | 48.00    |
| 1½ tons of corn fodder,       | 12.00    |
| 1 sled,                       | 35.00    |
| 2 ladders,                    | 3.50     |
| 1 barrel of salt,             | 1.80     |
| Lanterns, brooms and barrels, | 5.00     |
| 3 barrels of ashes,           | 1.50     |
| 1 double wagon,               | 110.00   |
| 1 express wagon,              | 25.00    |
| 1 buggy,                      | 20.00    |
| 1 dump cart,                  | 40.00    |



|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 single sled,                | \$ 8.00           |
| 1 express sleigh,             | 7.00              |
| 1 cutter,                     | 15.00             |
| 1 double harness,             | 15.00             |
| 1 single harness,             | 10.00             |
| 1 old buggy harness,          | 5.00              |
| 1 new buggy harness,          | 15.00             |
| 1 mowing machine,             | 10.00             |
| 1 rake,                       | 10.00             |
| 1 tedder,                     | 5.00              |
| 5 plows,                      | 15.00             |
| 1 wheel harrow,               | 23.00             |
| 1 spring tooth harrow,        | 8.00              |
| 1 spike tooth harrow,         | 6.00              |
| 2 cultivators,                | 5.00              |
| 1 corn sheller,               | 3.00              |
| 1 express pole,               | 1.00              |
| Saws and axes,                | 3.00              |
| 1 feed cutter,                | 5.00              |
| 1 Cooley Creamer and 15 cans, | 25.00             |
| 1 grind stone,                | 2.00              |
| 1 paris green blower,         | 1.50              |
| Measures and pails,           | 1.50              |
| 1 lawn mower,                 | 1.00              |
| 1 stone boat,                 | 2.00              |
| Plank,                        | 10.00             |
| 1 milk mixer,                 | 6.00              |
| Boards,                       | 2.00              |
| 2 pairs of ice tongs,         | 1.00              |
| 65 tons of ice,               | 65.00             |
| 1 fanning mill,               | 2.00              |
| 1 corn planter,               | 5.00              |
| Blankets, robes and whips,    | 7.00              |
|                               | <hr/> \$ 3,221.65 |

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR., | } <i>Appraisers</i> |
| A. L. PRATT,       |                     |
| F. B. ALDEN,       |                     |
|                    | <i>of</i>           |
|                    | <i>Belchertown.</i> |

## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

*Town Farm Income from Feb. 1, 1909, to Feb. 1, 1910.*

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. 1, 1909, Cash on hand,       | \$ 12.91          |
| Rec'd from A. F. Larose for milk, | 1,111.04          |
| for carrying milk,                | 22.02             |
| eggs,                             | 72.56             |
| potatoes,                         | 69.60             |
| apples,                           | 27.00             |
| calf,                             | 29.25             |
| stock service,                    | 10.00             |
| pigs,                             | 28.00             |
| 7 head young stock,               | 170.00            |
| 1 heifer,                         | 17.00             |
| 1 bull,                           | 35.00             |
| 1 bull,                           | 36.50             |
| driving hearse in town,           | 54.00             |
| “ ” out of town,                  | 21.50             |
| team work,                        | 2.25              |
| old sled,                         | 10.00             |
| old wheel harrow,                 | 5.00              |
| turnips,                          | .40               |
| use of telephone,                 | .54               |
| wood,                             | 147.96            |
|                                   | ————— \$ 1,882.53 |

*Town Farm Expenditures from Feb. 1, 1909, to Feb. 1, 1910.*

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Paid for barber,           | \$ 13.00 |
| washing,                   | 65.00    |
| newspaper,                 | 5.90     |
| meat,                      | 12.40    |
| 1 bull,                    | 32.50    |
| 1 bull,                    | 28.00    |
| labor at town farm,        | 22.50    |
| suit for Charie Sweatland, | 8.00     |



|                                           |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid for clothing for T. Ferriter,        | \$ 3.89           |
| clothing for J. Mansfield,                | 1.50              |
| repairing shoes,                          | .60               |
| pants for Stephen White,                  | 2.00              |
| 1 bbl. lime,                              | 1.75              |
| repairing wagon,                          | 1.50              |
| wagon pole,                               | 1.00              |
| 2 eds. wood, ( part payment for harness ) | 8.00              |
| use of manure spreader,                   | 2.00              |
| 1 hog,                                    | 27.00             |
| fruit for canning,                        | 2.60              |
| onions,                                   | .70               |
| making cider,                             | 2.70              |
| never slip calks,                         | .60               |
| fish,                                     | .80               |
| cattle show money for paupers,            | 1.00              |
| crow repellent,                           | .50               |
| cabbage and tomato plants,                | .75               |
| saw filing,                               | .20               |
| staple puller,                            | 1.00              |
| household utensils,                       | .65               |
| 2 bushels of rye,                         | 2.00              |
| horse shoeing,                            | 2.25              |
| Paid the treasurer,                       | 1,608.06          |
| Cash in hands of warden,                  | 22.18             |
|                                           | <hr/> \$ 1,882.53 |

GEORGE E. HUNT, *Warden.*

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#### EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Geo. Hunt, services as warden, | \$ 399.96 |
| Harry Nelson, labor,           | 204.62    |
| A. Bridgman, groceries,        | 87.02     |
| Fuller & Co.,       “          | 157.19    |
| D. L. Hazen,       “           | 200.12    |

|                                                  |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| J. W. Jackson, groceries,                        | \$ 77.80          |
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies,                         | 23.71             |
| F. W. Fellows,       “                           | 12.34             |
| N. W. Farrar,       “                            | 3.00              |
| H. Purdy, tobacco,                               | 12.00             |
| A. Bridgman, supplies for Stephen White,         | 2.35              |
| D. L. Hazen, harrow,                             | 23.00             |
| T. Clifford, labor,                              | 5.00              |
| D. K. Shumway, part pay't 1 harness & repairs,   | 14.75             |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, medical attendance,             | 37.75             |
| Dr. G. A. Thomson,       “       “               | 7.50              |
| Dr. C. B. King,       “       “                  | 3.00              |
| Dr. F. F. Dexter,       “       “                | 6.00              |
| R. W. Fairchild, one axe,                        | 1.00              |
| Henry Jepson, labor,                             | 3.65              |
| Pratt Bros., sawing,                             | 13.00             |
| D. P. Spencer, fertilizer,                       | 19.20             |
| E. C. Witt,       “                              | 20.40             |
| A. H. Hubbard, preparing grave for S. White,     | 3.50              |
| Hiram Gurney, nursery stock,                     | 10.00             |
| Roy Shaw, burial Stephen White,                  | 15.00             |
| C. H. Snow Est., medical supplies,               | 2.85              |
| B. W. Thrasher, supplies and labor,              | 1.91              |
| F. W. Fellows, harness supplies,                 | 2.65              |
| Grace Hamilton, labor,                           | 12.00             |
| R. M. Guilford, horse,                           | 275.00            |
| P. H. Garvey, cow,                               | 65.00             |
| R. W. Weston, ice,                               | 12.00             |
| W. D. Dunbar, teaming ice,                       | 8.00              |
| E. F. Flaherty, horse shoeing and blacksmithing, | 14.25             |
| A. E. Dodge,       “       “       “       “     | 33.40             |
| T. Mansfield,       “       “                    | 1.25              |
| E. H. Dyer, grain,                               | 526.57            |
| R. E. Fairchild, grain,                          | 32.00             |
| E. A. Fuller & Co., grain,                       | 29.29             |
|                                                  | <hr/> \$ 2,379.03 |



## INCOME FROM TOWN FARM.

|                                   |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid the treasurer by the warden, | \$ 1,608.06 |             |
| Board and care of Stephen White,  | 52.83       |             |
| Driving hearse in town,           | 54.00       |             |
| Cash in hands of warden,          | 22.18       |             |
|                                   | <hr/>       | \$ 1,737.07 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Actual expense,                         | \$ 641.96       |
| Average number of inmates for the year, | 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

## PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                               |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid partial support of Michael Welch,        | \$ 48.00  |           |
| partial support of Thomas O'Brien,            | 12.50     |           |
| partial support of Ludwick Sorowick,          | 6.00      |           |
| Springfield, care of Mrs. H. B. Moulton,      | 49.80     |           |
| Westfield, care of D. Knowlton's family,      | 173.40    |           |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, medical aid to Clara Lemon,  | 10.00     |           |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, med. aid to Chas. Laramay,   | 7.50      |           |
| Dr. F. F. Dexter, med. aid to Mrs. B. Parish, | 10.00     |           |
| E. A. Fuller & Co, groceries for C. Laramay,  | 1.98      |           |
|                                               | <hr/>     | \$ 319.18 |
| Reimbursed by State for burial of S. White,   | \$ 15.00  |           |
| care of sick pauper,                          | 7.33      |           |
|                                               | <hr/>     | \$ 22.33  |
| Total expense,                                |           | \$ 296.85 |
| Total expense of paupers,                     | \$ 938.81 |           |
| Appropriation for paupers,                    | 700.00    |           |
| Excess of appropriation.                      | <hr/>     | \$ 238.81 |

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| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| E. R. PEESO,    |   |                                   |
| E. E. SARGENT,  |   |                                   |

# Town Account.

## REPORT OF LIGHTING THE STREETS.

### *Expenditures for the year.*

|                                           |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                            |           | \$ 370.00 |
| Paid E. H. Atwood, care of street lights, | \$ 51.45  |           |
| Wm. Shaw, " " " "                         | 52.00     |           |
| Lewis Dodge, " " " "                      | 32.00     |           |
| Geo. Hannum, " " " "                      | 12.00     |           |
| Frank W. Fellows, oil for street lights,  | 25.20     |           |
| C. H. Snow Est., " " " "                  | 6.12      |           |
| N. W. Farrar, " " " "                     | 11.10     |           |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies " " "               | 66.31     |           |
| E. A. Fuller & Co., wicks and burners,    | .30       |           |
| B. L. Thrasher, repairs,                  | 1.05      |           |
| H. C. Davis, three lamp posts,            | 2.25      |           |
| B. E. Billings, setting lamp post,        | .50       |           |
| E. H. Atwood, labor on street lamps,      | 9.55      |           |
|                                           | <hr/>     |           |
|                                           | \$ 269.83 |           |
| Central Mass. Electric Lighting Co.,      | 58.35     |           |
|                                           | <hr/>     |           |
|                                           | \$ 328.18 |           |
| Unexpended balance, 1908 appropriation,   |           | \$ 4.46   |
|                                           |           | <hr/>     |
|                                           |           | 374.46    |
|                                           |           | <hr/>     |
| Unexpended balance,                       |           | \$ 46.28  |



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| Paid Geo. B. Jackson, ringing bell, care of town clock,<br>and repairs, | \$ 48.85 |
| Dwight Towne, sawing wood at town hall,                                 | 1.50     |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., use of telephone at town farm,                   | 17.98    |
| E. E. Sargent, services as election officer,                            | 1.50     |
| D. K. Shumway, services as registrar,                                   | 11.00    |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable and posting warrants,               | 23.24    |
| H. R. Gould, stamping meat,                                             | 97.05    |
| D. K. Shumway, burial of Ann McKellop,                                  | 37.00    |
| Henry McKellop, reimbursement of tax,                                   | 6.18     |
| A. H. Hubbard, services as election officer,                            | 3.00     |
| S. B. Signor, " " " "                                                   | 3.00     |
| Henry Aldrich, " " " "                                                  | 1.50     |
| E. A. Randall, " " " "                                                  | 3.00     |
| Frank Austin, " " " "                                                   | 6.00     |
| H. F. Shaw, " " " "                                                     | 1.50     |
| Andrew Sears, " " " "                                                   | 4.50     |
| W. B. Shaw, " " " "                                                     | 1.50     |
| E. C. Witt, " " selectman, telephone, etc.,                             | 25.45    |
| E. C. Howard, " " tree warden,                                          | 11.90    |
| Stanley Bridgman, care of town house,                                   | 3.75     |
| Assessors, taking inventory at town farm,                               | 6.00     |
| W. E. Bridgman, treasurer's bond,                                       | 20.00    |
| W. J. Reilley, trial of Fish case,                                      | 25.00    |
| W. E. Bridgman, insurance on Franklin school house,                     | 17.28    |
| J. W. Jackson, care of fire engine and kerosene oil,                    | 2.55     |
| Geo. Hunt, one cord of wood for town hall,                              | 4.00     |
| Nelson Randall, car fares Boston and Westfield,                         | 9.20     |
| H. H. Ward, services as registrar 1908,                                 | 11.00    |
| F. F. Dewey, " " "                                                      | 11.00    |
| A. Bridgman, " " "                                                      | 11.00    |
| Frank Morris, work on fire pump,                                        | 1.20     |
| John L. Smith, American Champion Road Machine,                          | 225.00   |
| Guy C. Allen, Jr., assessors' supplies,                                 | 4.00     |
| Dwight F. Shumway, part pay't as collector 1908,                        | 50.00    |

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| Paid James A. Peeso, services fighting fire,                             | \$ 176.94 |
| B. L. Thrasher, work on stove pipe at town hall,                         | 6.25      |
| J. R. Gould, inspection of barns and cattle 1908,                        | 60.00     |
| A. C. Smith, stamping meat,                                              | 21.25     |
| Geo. H. B. Green, services as moderator,                                 | 5.00      |
| A. C. Smith, inspecting meat 1907,                                       | 7.75      |
| G. D. Blackmer, cleaning town house grounds,                             | 1.93      |
| D. L. Hazen, pump and pipe, Center school well,                          | 44.10     |
| Benj. Billings, burying dog,                                             | .50       |
| Benj. Billings, cleaning well,                                           | 2.00      |
| D. F. Shumway, services as collector, 1908,                              | 50.00     |
| Pratt Bros., lumber, Center school house well,                           | 8.67      |
| N. W. Farrar, fumigating candles,                                        | 3.50      |
| D. F. Shumway, bond and postage for collector,                           | 35.00     |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, returning 9 births,                                     | 2.25      |
| A. C. Smith, stamping meat,                                              | 22.00     |
| Henry Paine, inspecting meat and stamping,                               | 4.00      |
| W. D. Randolph, " " " "                                                  | 2.00      |
| W. E. Bridgman, services as justice of peace,                            | 10.00     |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement taxes 1909,                                     | 80.31     |
| D. F. Shumway, services as tax collector 1909,                           | 50.00     |
| D. F. Shumway, filling Center school well,                               | 3.74      |
| E. F. Flaherty, labor and material on chemical wagon,                    | 8.00      |
| A. Bridgman, use of room for registrars, car fare & postage,             | 18.42     |
| A. Bridgman, services as town clerk,                                     | 50.00     |
| A. Bridgman, recording marriages, births and deaths,                     | 31.90     |
| Dr. E. F. Sullivan, returning 2 births,                                  | .50       |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, " 16 "                                                  | 4.00      |
| Roy Shaw, " 23 deaths,                                                   | 5.75      |
| E. R. Peeso, expense on Eugene Dick's eye examination,<br>car fare etc., | 4.60      |
| Emerson Laboratory, case of diphtheria culture,                          | 2.00      |
| Henry Hoag, labor and material on house over Center<br>school well,      | 7.00      |
| Dr. F. F. Dexter, returning 8 births,                                    | 2.00      |



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| Paid D. L. Hazen, material used in engine house,             | \$ 20.87 |
| D. L. Hazen, keys for town house,                            | .60      |
| W. J. Reilley, service rendered on grade crossing case,      | 50.00    |
| Nelson Randall, service as selectman and overseer of poor,   |          |
| R. R. fares, express etc.,                                   | 114.72   |
| E. R. Peeso, service as selectman and overseer of poor,      | 65.00    |
| E. R. Peeso, balance due as selectman 1908,                  | 16.70    |
| E. E. Sargent, service as selectman, overseer of poor, R. R. |          |
| fares, postage etc.,                                         | 100.00   |
| Nelson Randall, balance due as selectman 1908,               | 16.81    |
| Guy C. Allen, Jr., services as assessor and postage,         | 93.65    |
| A. L. Pratt,                   "       "       "             | 85.00    |
| F. B. Alden,                 "       "       "               | 85.00    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing town reports,                       | 54.70    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing valuation books, bills, papers,     | 57.68    |
| L. H. Blackmer, order book and balance town report,          | 16.00    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing tax bills, jury list etc.,          | 5.53     |
| L. H. Blackmer, programs, letter heads, measles' cards,      | 3.46     |
| Clapp Memorial Library, dog fund,                            | 330.30   |
| George Hunt, driving hearse,                                 | 54.00    |
| P. B. Murphy, 300 dog license blanks,                        | 2.25     |
| F. W. Fellows, pole, straps, etc. for hearse,                | 4.67     |
| D. K. Shumway, funeral expenses of C. A. Rhodes,             | 37.00    |
| C. H. Snow Est., fumigating candles,                         | 2.50     |
| R. W. Lyman, reporting 115 transfers,                        | 17.25    |
| Nelson Randall, labor on school yard fence,                  | 5.00     |
| Marshal Thayer,   "   "   "   "   "   "                      | 4.30     |
| Nelson Randall, services as selectman & overseer of poor,    | 50.00    |
| A. W. Smith, damage to automobile on highway,                | 7.45     |
| Bond & Peeso, fence posts for school yard,                   | 7.38     |
| E. E. Sargent, labor on school yard fence,                   | 5.90     |
| G. C. Allen, services as auditor,                            | 15.00    |
| D. L. Hazen, wire for school yard fence,                     | 16.91    |
| Park association, cutting grass on the park,                 | 4.00     |
| W. L. E. Gurley, supplies for weights and measures,          | 7.30     |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid Hobbs, Warren & Co., stationery,                                | \$ .85      |
| Walter Pratt, burying dog,                                           | 1.50        |
| H. C. Davis, plank and posts for school yard fence,                  | 1.94        |
| H. E. Atwood, painting chemical engine,                              | 3.00        |
| Harold Ketchen, watching fire at Shaw place,                         | 2.00        |
| Henry Jepson, " " " " "                                              | 2.00        |
| B. L. Thrasher, supplies for fire department,                        | 3.00        |
| D. F. Shumway, and others, fighting fire Aug. 15th.,<br>Turkey Hill, | 5.50        |
| F. V. Sturtevant, fighting fire set by C. V. R. R.,                  | 1.50        |
| H. C. Davis, labor and material on fire engine,                      | 19.14       |
| Smith Agricultural School, tuitions, Roy Baggs,                      | 35.00       |
| D. D. Hazen, repairs on fire wagon,                                  | 60.81       |
| E. E. Sargent, paint and brushes,                                    | 1.50        |
| D. P. Spencer, labor on well at center school,                       | 56.80       |
| A. W. Brownell, book abatement records,                              | 2.50        |
| Emerson Labratory, diptheria culture test and telephone,             | 2.15        |
| J. R. Gould, inspecting barns and cattle,                            | 100.00      |
| D. L. Hazen, lock, keys etc., for town hall,                         | 5.47        |
| D. F. Austin, pipe, labor etc.,                                      | 13.98       |
| Chas. P. Baggs, stamping meat,                                       | 14.25       |
| H. C. Davis, iron work, high school fence,                           | 2.97        |
| J. M. Sullivan, damage to wagon on highway,                          | 15.50       |
| D. K. Shumway, burial Henry M. Capper,                               | 37.00       |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement taxes 1908,                                 | 76.01       |
| D. F. Shumway, errors on taxes, 1908 and postage,                    | 11.70       |
|                                                                      | <hr/>       |
|                                                                      | \$ 3,183.67 |

Of this amount there is due the town,

|                                         |          |
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| For inspecting barns,                   | \$ 50.00 |
| For the burial of soldiers,             | 111.00   |
| Paid dog fund to the library,           | 330.30   |
| Gave orders for the abatement of taxes, | 156.32   |
| Errors on taxes of 1908 and postage,    | 11.70    |
| Smith Agricultural College,             | 35.00    |



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| C. V. and B. & A. R. R.,                                                 | \$ 176.94   |              |
|                                                                          | <hr/>       | \$ 871.26    |
| Actual town expenses,                                                    |             | \$ 2,312.41  |
| Appropriation for town,                                                  | \$ 2,500.00 |              |
| Appropriation for repairs on chemical wagon,                             | 100.00      |              |
| Appropriation for road machine,                                          | 225.00      |              |
|                                                                          | <hr/>       | \$ 2,825.00  |
| Unexpended balance,                                                      |             | \$ 512.59    |
| We have issued during the year 541 town orders,                          |             | \$ 20,004.08 |
| Of this amount we have drawn orders approved<br>by the school committee, |             | 8,155.61     |

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                                                           |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash in hands of the treasurer,                                           | \$ 3,250.55 |             |
| Due from the collector, 1909 taxes,                                       | 1,727.23    |             |
| “ “ state for burial of soldiers,                                         | 111.00      |             |
| “ “ “ “ state and military aid,                                           | 1,968.00    |             |
| “ “ “ “ state aid 3 mos. last year,                                       | 477.00      |             |
| “ “ “ “ inspection of cattle,                                             | 50.00       |             |
| “ “ “ “ board and care of Stephen<br>White,                               | 104.00      |             |
| Due from state for tuition of Roy Baggs at<br>Smith Agricultural College, | 35.00       |             |
| Due from C. V. and B. & A. R. R.,                                         | 176.94      |             |
|                                                                           | <hr/>       | \$ 7,899.72 |

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Due Amherst Bank, | \$ 7,000.00 |
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MILITARY AND STATE AID REPORT.

|                                                                                           |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| We have paid to the old soldiers, their widows<br>and mothers, state aid to the amount of | \$ 1,896.00 |             |
| Military aid to the amount of                                                             | 144.00      |             |
|                                                                                           | <hr/>       | \$ 2,040.00 |

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Of this amount there is due from the state |             |
| for this year's state aid,                 | \$ 1,896.00 |
| For three months last year, still due,     | 513.00      |
| For one half the military aid this year,   | 72.00       |
|                                            | <hr/>       |
| Total amount due from the state, for state |             |
| and military aid to date,                  | \$ 2,481.00 |

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| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. R. PEESO,    |   |                                          |
| E. E. SARGENT,  |   |                                          |



## Treasurer's Report.

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1909.

*Dr.*

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|-------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Feb.  | 1  | Balance due on settlement,                                          | \$ 3,555.53 |
|       | 9  | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                                              | 145.02      |
|       | 11 | C. V. R. R., fighting fire,                                         | 20.25       |
|       | 11 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 209.02      |
|       | 13 | B. & M. R. R., fighting fire,                                       | 1.50        |
|       | 22 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 90.40       |
|       | 26 | Overdrawn on school appropriation,                                  | 146.00      |
|       | 27 | Town Farm,                                                          | 46.08       |
|       | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 55.00       |
| March | 2  | “                                                                   | 114.78      |
|       | 5  | Mrs. N. A. Carr, care of lot in Mount<br>Hope cemetery, No 263,     | 50.00       |
|       | 5  | Mrs. L. M. Gray, care of lot in Mount<br>Hope cemetery, No. 223,    | 50.00       |
|       | 9  | State Treasurer, support of sick pauper,                            | 7.33        |
|       | 12 | Mrs. D. P. Clapp, care of lot in cemetery,                          | 400.00      |
|       | 13 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 70.00       |
|       | 19 | “                                                                   | 32.25       |
|       | 20 | City of Springfield, acceptance of road<br>near Knight's reservoir, | 200.00      |
|       | 27 | M. E. Social Circle, use of town hall,                              | 1.00        |
|       | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                                      | 150.34      |
|       | 31 | Town Farm,                                                          | 162.88      |

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| April | 1  | Fines from district court,                                                      | \$ 6.00  |
|       | 5  | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,                                             | 2.00     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 163.40   |
|       | 7  | Town of Ludlow, account of schools,                                             | 16.00    |
|       | 7  | Ira Damon, butcher's license,                                                   | 1.00     |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 25.00    |
|       | 26 | "                                                                               | 106.00   |
| May   | 1  | "                                                                               | 57.90    |
|       | 3  | Town Farm,                                                                      | 112.00   |
|       | 4  | John Stadler, butcher's license,                                                | 1.00     |
|       | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 125.85   |
|       | 7  | Wm. E. Corbett, liquor license,                                                 | 1.00     |
|       | 8  | Willard A. Stebbins, care of head stones<br>in Lake Vale cemetery, as recorded, | 100.00   |
|       | 8  | Henry M. Jepson, butcher's license,                                             | 1.00     |
|       | 8  | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 40.00    |
|       | 10 | "                                                                               | 73.00    |
|       | 10 | Peter Adzima, butcher's license,                                                | 1.00     |
|       | 14 | B. & M. R. R., part payment for side walk,                                      | 38.43    |
|       | 18 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                                                         | 2,000.00 |
|       | 20 | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 73.12    |
|       | 28 | Herbert D. Paine, butcher license,                                              | 1.00     |
|       | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 54.92    |
|       | 31 | Mrs. W. G. Corey, balance for lot in cemetery,                                  | 2.00     |
|       | 31 | Gideon Chenior, butcher license,                                                | 1.00     |
| June  | 1  | Town Farm,                                                                      | 104.88   |
|       | 2  | E. Sherpert, butcher license,                                                   | 1.00     |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 67.49    |
|       | 9  | Estate of Sarah E. Towne, for care of<br>Israel Towne lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 200.00   |
|       | 11 | State treasurer, support of sick pauper,                                        | 9.48     |
|       | 12 | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 66.72    |
|       | 17 | Amherst Bank, 6 months,                                                         | 2,000.00 |
|       | 26 | D. F. Shumway,                                                                  | 160.40   |
| July  | 1  | Town Farm,                                                                      | 97.98    |



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| July  | 1  | Fines from district court,            | \$ 36.00 |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                        | 77.00    |
|       | 17 | "                                     | 63.00    |
|       | 27 | State Treasurer, tuition of children, | 456.00   |
|       | 27 | " " inspection of animals,            | 60.00    |
|       | 29 | N. W. Farrar, liquor license,         | 1.00     |
|       | 31 | Orlen Brothers, butcher license,      | 1.00     |
|       | 31 | D. F. Shumway, tax 1908,              | 54.50    |
|       | 31 | " " 1909,                             | 200.54   |
| Aug.  | 2  | Town Farm,                            | 100.00   |
|       | 7  | D. F. Shumway, tax 1909,              | 169.06   |
|       | 7  | " " 1908,                             | 36.00    |
|       | 10 | "                                     | 111.00   |
|       | 14 | "                                     | 130.41   |
|       | 21 | "                                     | 119.64   |
|       | 21 | "                                     | 24.61    |
|       | 31 | I. M. Judelson, butcher's license,    | 1.00     |
| Sept. | 1  | Town Farm,                            | 222.57   |
|       | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                        | 60.85    |
|       | 1  | "                                     | 45.67    |
|       | 11 | "                                     | 397.87   |
|       | 14 | B. & M. R. R., fighting fire,         | 2.00     |
|       | 18 | D. F. Shumway,                        | 102.57   |
|       | 18 | "                                     | 65.75    |
|       | 23 | "                                     | 39.80    |
|       | 25 | "                                     | 20.00    |
|       | 25 | "                                     | 181.27   |
|       | 30 | "                                     | 196.30   |
| Oct.  | 1  | Town Farm,                            | 105.14   |
|       | 2  | Abraham Suher, butcher license,       | 1.00     |
|       | 2  | Fines from District Court,            | 6.00     |
|       | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                        | 196.97   |
|       | 4  | Amherst Bank,                         | 1,500.00 |
|       | 8  | D. F. Shumway,                        | 25.83    |
|       | 8  | "                                     | 172.34   |

|      |    |                                                 |          |
|------|----|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. | 12 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                          | \$ 6.90  |
|      | 12 | "                                               | 219.01   |
|      | 13 | F. E. Higgins, butcher license,                 | 1.00     |
|      | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 96.70    |
|      | 22 | "                                               | 169.24   |
|      | 22 | Thos. D. Sullivan, butcher license,             | 1.00     |
|      | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 475.50   |
| Nov. | 1  | Town Farm,                                      | 159.56   |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 121.91   |
|      | 2  | "                                               | 511.65   |
|      | 4  | "                                               | 195.62   |
|      | 5  | D. V. Fuller, care of lot in cemetery,          | 100.00   |
|      | 6  | State Treasurer, Supt. of school fund,          | 900.00   |
|      | 6  | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 109.28   |
|      | 13 | "                                               | 332.00   |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, Corporation tax,               | 235.17   |
|      | 15 | " " National bank tax,                          | 270.15   |
|      | 15 | " " Military aid,                               | 122.00   |
|      | 15 | " " State aid,                                  | 1,844.00 |
|      | 15 | " " Support of sick pauper,                     | 52.83    |
|      | 15 | " " Burial of indigent soldiers<br>and sailors, | 111.00   |
|      | 16 | Lewis Tatro, sausage license,                   | 1.00     |
|      | 17 | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 50.00    |
|      | 17 | "                                               | 436.14   |
|      | 22 | "                                               | 1,669.78 |
|      | 23 | Hyman Zass, butcher license,                    | 1.00     |
|      | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 956.39   |
|      | 27 | "                                               | 59.00    |
| Dec. | 1  | Town Farm,                                      | 207.73   |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 90.50    |
|      | 1  | "                                               | 1,523.98 |
|      | 2  | "                                               | 818.07   |
|      | 4  | "                                               | 375.68   |
|      | 11 | "                                               | 528.74   |



|       |    |                                                                         |             |
|-------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Dec.  | 18 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                                                  | \$ 603.38   |
|       | 27 | “                                                                       | 344.35      |
|       | 31 | “                                                                       | 326.00      |
| 1910  |    |                                                                         |             |
| Jan.  | 3  | Town Farm,                                                              | 108.24      |
|       | 4  | Nelson Randall,                                                         | 4.28        |
|       | 8  | D. F. Shumway,                                                          | 826.93      |
|       | 11 | Amherst Savings Bank, S. M. D. Bridgman<br>cemetery fund,               | 16.48       |
|       | 11 | Amherst Savings Bank, cemetery fund,                                    | 65.34       |
|       | 12 | County Treasurer, dog fund,                                             | 330.30      |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                                                          | 420.45      |
|       | 22 | “                                                                       | 289.60      |
|       | 25 | State Treasurer, burial of pauper,                                      | 15.00       |
|       | 25 | State Treasurer, Mass. school fund,                                     | 1,277.80    |
|       | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                                          | 590.95      |
|       | 29 | W. S. Piper, for care of Charles Dickinson<br>lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 50.00       |
| Feb.  | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                                          | 1,218.57    |
|       | 1  | B. F. & M. Club, repairs street lamp,                                   | 2.66        |
|       | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                                          | 93.61       |
|       | 1  | Town Farm,                                                              | 127.00      |
|       | 1  | Town Farm, driving hearse,                                              | 54.00       |
|       |    |                                                                         | <hr/>       |
|       |    |                                                                         | 35,718.21   |
| 1909  |    | <i>Cr.</i>                                                              |             |
| Feb.  | 9  | Cash paid Note at Amherst Bank,                                         | \$ 2,000.00 |
|       | 25 | Discount at “ “                                                         | 30.00       |
| March | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district<br>court,                            | 24.90       |
|       | 5  | J. A. Peeso, services in district court,                                | 5.26        |
|       | 30 | Amherst Savings Bank, from Mrs.<br>Gray and Carr, cemetery fund,        | 100.00      |
|       | 30 | Amherst Savings Bank, from Est.<br>of D. P. Clapp, cemetery fund,       | 400.00      |
|       | 30 | Discount on Note, Amherst Bank,                                         | 80.00       |

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|-------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| April | 8  | Cash paid M. S. Barton, services in district court,                        | \$ 6.68  |
| May   | 5  | M. S. Barton, services in dist. court,                                     | 9.88     |
|       | 7  | State Treasurer, account of liquor license,                                | .25      |
|       | 18 | Amherst Savings Bank, from W. A. Stebbins, cemetery fund,                  | 100.00   |
|       | 18 | Discount on Note, Amherst Bank,                                            | 40.00    |
| June  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 23.78    |
|       | 10 | Amherst Savings Bank, Est. of Sarah E. Towne, cemetery fund,               | 200.00   |
|       | 17 | Discount on renewed Note, Amherst Bank,                                    | 30.00    |
|       | 17 | Discount on Note at Amherst Bank,                                          | 40.00    |
| July  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 5.00     |
|       | 29 | State Treasurer, account of liquor license,                                | .25      |
| Aug.  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 10.60    |
|       | 25 | Discount on Note at Amherst Bank,                                          | 30.00    |
| Sept. | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 13.78    |
|       | 30 | Discount on Note at Amherst Bank,                                          | 80.00    |
| Oct.  | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 10.79    |
|       | 4  | Discount on Note at Amherst bank,                                          | 30.00    |
|       | 4  | County Tax,                                                                | 1,511.98 |
|       | 15 | Geo. W. Canterbury, services in district court,                            | 16.50    |
| Nov.  | 3  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 14.18    |
|       | 10 | Amherst Savings Bank, from D. V. Fuller, care of lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 100.00   |

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|------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Nov. | 15 | Cash paid State Treasurer, state tax,                                      | \$ 1,215.00  |
|      | 15 | “ “ abolition grade crossing, town farm,                                   | 500.00       |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, interest on loan,                                         | 20.00        |
|      | 15 | “ “ repair of state highway,                                               | 117.60       |
|      | 18 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                      | 2,000.00     |
| Dec. | 4  | C. A. Marsh, services in district court,                                   | 5.96         |
|      | 7  | F. W. Brockway, “ “ “ “                                                    | 2.55         |
|      | 17 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                      | 3,500.00     |
| 1910 |    |                                                                            |              |
| Jan. | 31 | Amherst Savings Bank, from W. S. Piper, care C. Dickinson lot in cemetery, | 50.00        |
| Feb. | 1  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                  | 38.59        |
|      | 1  | 541 town orders delivered to selectmen,                                    | 20,004.08    |
|      | 1  | Services as Treasurer,                                                     | 100.00       |
|      | 1  | Cash on hand,                                                              | 3,250.55     |
|      |    |                                                                            | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                                                                            | \$ 35,718.21 |

|       |                            |                        |          |           |
|-------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1909  | Notes due at Amherst Bank. |                        |          |           |
| Aug.  | 25,                        | \$ 1,500.00, 6 months, | due Feb. | 25, 1910. |
| Sept. | 30,                        | 4,000.00, 6 “ “        | March    | 30, 1910. |
| Oct.  | 4,                         | 1,500.00, 6 “ “        | April    | 4, 1910.  |

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 14, 1910.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. There was in the hands of the Treasurer Feb. 1st, 1910, \$ 3,250.55.

GUY C. ALLEN, *Auditor.*

## CEMETERY ACCOUNTS.

Bequests for perpetual care of lots in Mount

Hope cemetery, previous to 1909,

\$ 2,613.81

Received in 1909, from

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| D. P. Clapp,                                | \$ 400.00 |
| Sarah Towne,                                | 200.00    |
| D. V. Fuller,                               | 100.00    |
| Charles Dickinson,                          | 50.00     |
| Mrs. N. A. Carr,                            | 50.00     |
| Mrs. L. M. Gray,                            | 50.00     |
| For Lake Vale cemetery from W. A. Stebbins, | 100.00    |

Balance in Treasury, Feb. 1, 1909, 131.67

Interest on fund in Amherst Bank, 81.82

Interest on fund due, 53.26

Appropriation, 100.00

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 \$ 366.75

## TO A. H. HUBBARD, DR.

Care of lots, mowing avenues, filling graves

and resetting stones in Mt. Hope cemetery, \$ 95.00

Alvin Cutting, mowing South cemetery, 10.00

Fred Randolph, mowing Blue Meadow cemetery, 1.00

## TO H. S. PRATT, DR.

Mowing West Hill cemetery, 2.00

Wm. Lowell, Lake Vale cemetery, 5.00

Geo. Akers, removing tree from Lake Vale cemetery, 1.00

Frank Wilson, mowing Union cemetery, 3.00

## TO E. S. LANE, DR.

Erecting stones and mowing Tylerville, Liberty,

and Holyoke cemeteries, 21.00

Iron fence at Tylerville cemetery, 66.73



|                                                 |         |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Drawing and erecting Tylerville cemetery fence, | \$ 7.00 |           |
|                                                 | <hr/>   | \$ 211.73 |

|                      |  |           |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| Balance in treasury, |  | \$ 155.02 |
|----------------------|--|-----------|

Respectfully submitted,

|                |   |                                             |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
| E. S. LANE,    | } | <i>Burial<br/>Ground<br/>Commissioners.</i> |
| A. H. HUBBARD, |   |                                             |
| H. S. PRATT,   |   |                                             |

|                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| The Burial Ground com. recommend an appropriation of | \$ 50.00 |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------|

### REPORT ON FUNDS.

#### MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                            |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1909,           | \$ 223.85 |           |
| Received Apr. 1, 1909,                     | 140.00    |           |
| "    Oct. 1, 1909,                         | 140.00    |           |
|                                            | <hr/>     | \$ 503.85 |
| Apr. 1, 1909, paid Clapp Memorial Library, | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Paid to 17 families,                       | 218.50    |           |
|                                            | <hr/>     | \$ 268.50 |
| Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1910,              |           | \$ 235.35 |

#### WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                  |        |           |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1909, | 344.08 |           |
| Received Sept. 8, 1909,          | 260.00 |           |
|                                  | <hr/>  | \$ 604.08 |
| Paid aid to 17 families,         |        | 320.55    |
|                                  |        | <hr/>     |
| Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1910,    |        | \$ 283.53 |

|                   |   |                  |
|-------------------|---|------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL,   | } | <i>Almoners.</i> |
| E. R. PEESO,      |   |                  |
| E. E. SARGENT,    |   |                  |
| MRS. M. A. MORSE, |   |                  |
| MRS. G. C. ALLEN, |   |                  |

# Report of Town Clerk.

*For the year ending Dec. 31, 1909.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |   |               |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 3 | April,        | 6 | July,      | 4 | October,  | 3 |
| February,   | 3 | May,          | 2 | August,    | 5 | November, | 2 |
| March,      | 9 | June,         | 3 | September, | 0 | December, | 3 |
| Males, 19 ; |   | Females, 24 ; |   | Total, 43. |   |           |   |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of intentions recorded, |             | 14          |
| “ “ marriages                  | “           | 16          |
| First marriage,                | Males, 12 ; | Females, 12 |
| Second “                       | “ 1 ;       | “ 2         |
| Third “                        | “ 1 ;       | “ 0         |
| Youngest                       | “ 19 ;      | “ 17        |
| Oldest                         | “ 70 ;      | “ 62        |

### DEATHS.

|                                              |   |                   |   |            |   |           |   |
|----------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,                                     | 4 | April,            | 2 | July,      | 5 | October,  | 5 |
| February,                                    | 1 | May,              | 3 | August,    | 1 | November, | 2 |
| March,                                       | 4 | June,             | 4 | September, | 0 | December, | 5 |
| Males, 17 ;                                  |   | Females, 19 ;     |   | Total, 36. |   |           |   |
| Native born, 28 ;                            |   | Foreign born, 8 ; |   | Total, 36. |   |           |   |
| Number of town meetings,                     |   |                   |   | 2          |   |           |   |
| Mortgages and Bill of Sale recorded for yr., |   |                   |   | 19         |   |           |   |



## DOG LICENSE.

|                         |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Males, 194, at \$ 2.00, | \$ 388.00 |           |
| Females, 16, " 5.00,    | 80.00     |           |
|                         | <hr/>     | \$ 468.00 |

Paid the above amount ( less fees ) to county treasurer.

## RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Dr. H. A. Smith,         | 10 |
| " C. H. Giroux,          | 1  |
| " F. F. Dexter,          | 8  |
| " L. A. Smith,           | 14 |
| " G. F. Thomson,         | 3  |
| Clarence D. Chase,       |    |
| City Clerk, Northampton, | 1  |
| " W. B. Segur,           | 3  |
| " S. C. Miller,          | 1  |
| " E. F. Sullivan,        | 2  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

## Tree Warden's Report.

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The tree warden desires to say in his report, that he is pleased to state that in nearly every case where wood lots have been cut beside the highways, the Shade Tree Law has been and is being respected by the owners thereof.

However, he desires to state and to warn at the same time, that in each and every case the present Shade Tree Law of Massachusetts must and shall be obeyed by all citizens in and out of the town.

The tree warden recommends and requests that whenever property owners are cutting, or are having cut, brush beside the highway, they will leave one of the sprouts or a seedling of some good variety of shade tree, about every two or three rods.

Your warden is sorry to have to report that he has discovered the

Brown Tail Moth in this town. Its appearance is certainly to be regretted owing to the increasing value of our wood lands and considering the large forest area in the town. Each citizen of the town should be fully alive to the fact of the injury that this moth is capable of inflicting to our shrubs, fruit, shade and forest trees. All land owners should co-operate with the local superintendent of gypsy and brown tail moths to help keep them from spreading throughout the town and to keep the same under control so far as is possible.

There were more than the usual number of elm tree beetles the past year and there was quite a serious outbreak at the north part of the centre of the town. The warden recommends that in case the beetles increase in alarming numbers, the local superintendent should employ some means to reduce their number below the danger point.

The San Jose scale is increasing in alarming numbers and is doing much damage to fruit trees in town and the warden desires to say that unless this insect is held in check by spraying, many if not all of our fruit trees will soon be beyond the condition of saving them.

EVERETT C. HOWARD, *Tree Warden.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

|                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| For highways and bridges, general repairs, | 3,000.00    |
| Town account,                              | 2,500.00    |
| Street lighting,                           | 350.00      |
| Pauper account,                            | 1,000.00    |
| Cemetery account,                          | 50.00       |
| G. A. R. for Memorial Day,                 | 50.00       |
| To apply on the debt,                      | 1,000.00    |
|                                            | <hr/>       |
|                                            | \$ 7,950.00 |

We recommend that the town give a discount of one per cent on taxes paid on or before Sept. 1st., and that they charge interest at the rate of 6 per cent on taxes not paid by Nov. 1st. Taxes paid between Sept. 1 st., and Nov. 1 st., to be settled at face value.

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| L. W. DILLON, | } Committee<br>on<br>Appropriations. |
| J. R. GOULD,  |                                      |
| GUY ALLEN,    |                                      |



# Annual Report

OF

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



Organization, March, 1909—March, 1910.

GEO. H. B. GREEN, Chairman, Term expires, March, 1911.  
( Resigned Feb. 18, to take effect March 7, 1910. )

ROSWELL ALLEN, Term expires, March, 1910.

MERRICK A. MORSE, Term expires, March, 1912.

Superintendent of Schools.

ALVAN R. LEWIS, Term expires, Sept. 1, 1910.

Truant Officer.

D. F. SHUMWAY.

# School Calendar.

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term will begin Monday, April 4, 1910.

“ “ “ close Friday, June 24, 1910.

Fall Term will begin Monday, Aug. 29, 1910.

“ “ “ close Friday, Nov. 18, 1910.

Winter Term will begin Monday, Dec. 5, 1910.

“ “ “ close Friday, March 3, 1911.

## GRADE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term will begin Monday, Apr. 11, 1910.

“ “ “ close Friday, June 24, 1910.

Fall Term will begin Monday, Aug. 29, 1910.

“ “ “ close Friday, Nov. 11, 1910.

Winter Term will begin Monday, Dec. 5, 1910.

“ “ “ close Friday, Feb. 17, 1911.

In all schools, Christmas recess from Dec. 23,  
1910, to January 2, 1911.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Belchertown:*

I have the honor of presenting for your consideration my second annual report which is the sixth annual report of the superintendent of schools.

The work of the schools has been greatly interrupted on account of sickness. During the fall term the Franklin grammar and primary schools were closed two weeks because of diphtheria. This dreaded disease, by due care on the part of the board of health, was confined to one or two families.

During the winter term an epidemic of measles caused nearly all the schools to be closed from one to six weeks. This loss of time will be made up during the spring vacation. The attendance was greatly affected as many of the parents were afraid to send their children to school when they were reopened. Although there were more than one hundred fifty cases of measles, fortunately there was not a fatal case among the children.

It will be noticed in the list of teachers for the year that there has been an unusual number of changes in our corps of teachers. It is very difficult to secure trained or experienced teachers for the salary we are obliged to pay. Salaries of teachers have largely increased during the past few years, and good teachers are in great demand. One cause of this is that a large number of young ladies who a few years ago would have prepared themselves for teaching are filling positions that are more

congenial and that pay a larger salary than they could receive teaching school.

Two schools, Rock Rimmon and East Hill, have been closed during the year on account of the small number of pupils. There is still a number of schools so small that it would seem unwise to maintain them if conditions were such that the pupils could be properly conveyed to other schools. The consolidation of schools in Belchertown is a problem as every one knows who realizes the distance pupils would be obliged to be carried. Yet many of the district schools are becoming exceedingly small, and the cost per pupil in these schools is very great.

The buildings at Cold Spring and Blue Meadow have been repaired and the rooms made pleasant and comfortable. When new desks have been placed in the room at Blue Meadow, our school buildings, with the exception of the one at Liberty, will be in good condition. The building at Liberty needs painting and repairing. Too much cannot be done to make the school grounds and the school rooms pleasant for the children. Environment has a great influence in forming character.

The work in the schools is made as practical as possible. The teachers are conscientious and faithful, and good progress has been made.

The high school has fairly entered upon the work outlined in the new course of study. More time is given to the sciences than has been given during the past few years. One more teacher is greatly needed in the school to do the work that is now required in a full four years' course. Every dollar expended judiciously for education is a good investment for any town.

In April the Mass. Agricultural College sent to a large number of pupils potatoes to plant. Prizes were offered for the best yield. The boys entered heartily into the work and demonstrated that they could raise good potatoes. Mrs. D. P. Spencer kindly gave to the pupils a large number of dahlia bulbs. The school exhibit of flowers in the hall on the day of



the annual fair and the prizes awarded showed that the children appreciated her kindness.

It is evident that industrial training will soon be considered an important factor in education. Yet a pupil who has been trained to express his thoughts clearly in good English, to properly write social and business letters, to solve accurately and rapidly problems that one meets in daily life, and to respect the rights of others, has received a training that will be of value to him in any line of work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVAN R. LEWIS, *Supt.*

Feb. 1, 1910.

BELCHERTOWN, FEB. 1, 1910.

*To the School Committee :*

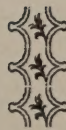
I have received during the year from the School Committee, Teachers and Supt., 15 summonses to attend to absentees from school. To all of these I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

# Belchertown High School

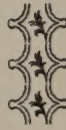
Class Motto, "Superantes et semper Superaturi."

## Commencement



Monday Evening,  
June the twenty-first

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LEROY FILLMORE COOK

EVERETT AUSTIN GEER

Honors in 1st year French, 2nd year French,  
Geometry, Civics, Physiology and Algebra

HELEN KATHERINE KEYES

RACHAEL ADA LAPOLICE

GEORGE FALLOWS MOODY

Honors in Geometry and Algebra

ELLA JENNIE MORIARTY

Honors in Physiology

KATHRYNE ELEANOR MORIARTY

ETHEL MAE PIPER

JULIA THERESA SHEA

FRANK JOSEPH RICHARD WLUDYKA



# Program

March,- For the Flag,

Invocation,

REV. M. H. FISHBURN

Salutatory,

MR. MOODY

Overture,- The Bridal Rose,

Address,

A. H. WHEELLOCK,  
Chaplain of State Grange

*Lampe*

Serenade,- Spanish Wedding Song,

Valedictory,

MR. GEER

Presentation of Diplomas

Benediction,

REV. W. H. HALE

March and Finale

*Lavallee*

# Program

*Silk*

## SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                              |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance, Feb. 1, 1909, school appropriation, | \$ 1,965.14        |
| “ “ “ “ transportation appropriation,        | 221.60             |
| Appropriation, March 1, 1909,                | 5,200.00           |
| Received from Bridgman fund,                 | 242.40             |
| “ “ State School fund,                       | 1,277.80           |
| “ “ “ Superintendency fund,                  | 900.00             |
| “ “ “ wards, tuition,                        | 456.00             |
| “ “ Ludlow, “                                | 16.00              |
| “ cash overdrawn in 1908,                    | 146.00             |
|                                              | <hr/> \$ 10,424.94 |

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1908 bills paid,               | 80.20              |
| Teachers' wages from treasury, | 5,635.10           |
| “ “ “ Bridgman fund,           | 242.40             |
| School supervision,            | 1,174.00           |
| Books and supplies,            | 321.05             |
| Fuel,                          | 313.25             |
| Janitors,                      | 127.18             |
| Transportation,                | 181.00             |
| Miscellaneous,                 | 96.65              |
|                                | <hr/> \$ 8,170.83  |
| Unexpended balance,            | 2,254.11           |
|                                | <hr/> \$ 10,424.94 |

## TOWN ACCOUNT.

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation, March 1, 1909, | \$ 600.00 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Exceeded appropriation last year, | \$ 3.99 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|



|                                                        |          |           |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--|
| Paid bills contracted last year,                       |          | \$ 11.56  |  |
| G. W. Coleman, labor, Cold Spring,                     | 10.00    |           |  |
| T. D. Potter, supplies, " "                            | 7.10     |           |  |
| D. F. Austin, labor, " "                               | .80      |           |  |
| J. J. Sullivan, " " "                                  | 1.50     |           |  |
| W. D. Dunbar, " Blue meadow and<br>Cold Spring,        | 73.76    |           |  |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies, Blue Meadow<br>and Cold Spring, | 23.56    |           |  |
| Roswell Allen, labor & superintending,                 | 10.00    |           |  |
|                                                        |          | \$ 126.72 |  |
| S. A. Hodgkins, painting etc.,<br>Lake Vale,           | \$ 36.00 |           |  |
| D. F. Austin, pump for Lake Vale,                      | 5.00     |           |  |
|                                                        |          | \$ 41.00  |  |
| Thomas Landers, Franklin,                              | \$ 7.00  |           |  |
| Patrick Keys, " "                                      | 4.05     |           |  |
|                                                        |          | \$ 11.05  |  |
| S. A. Hodgkins, Center,                                |          | 11.50     |  |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies,                                 |          | 18.51     |  |
| Geo. H. B. Green, general repairs,                     |          | 6.84      |  |
|                                                        |          | \$ 231.17 |  |
| Unexpended balance,                                    |          | \$ 368.83 |  |

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

## DETAILED STATEMENT.

## TEACHERS' WAGES.

|               |                     | Weeks. |                        |           |
|---------------|---------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------|
| High School,  | E. C. Polk,         | 12     | \$ 27.77 $\frac{7}{9}$ | \$ 333.33 |
| " "           | John V. Jewett,     | 24     | 27.77 $\frac{7}{9}$    | 666.67    |
| " "           | Helen J. Goodspeed, | 36     | 15.00                  | 540.00    |
| Center Gram., | Ida L. Shaw,        | 11     | 12.50                  | 137.50    |
| " "           | John J. Ventura,    | 21     | 12.50                  | 262.50    |

|                               |                        |                  |          |                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Center Int.,                  | Marion E. Bartlett,    | 24               | \$ 10.00 | \$ 240.00         |
| “ “                           | Myra L. Merriam,       | 2 $\frac{2}{3}$  | 10.00    | 24.00             |
| “ “                           | I. Louise Brown,       | 5 $\frac{3}{5}$  | 10.00    | 56.00             |
| “ Prim.,                      | S. Belle Snow,         | 7                | 10.00    | 70.00             |
| “ “                           | Gertrude Thomson,      | 4                | 10.00    | 40.00             |
| “ “                           | Catherine Sampson,     | 21               | 10.00    | 210.00            |
| Cold Spring,                  | Bridget C. Fitzgerald, | 32               | 7.00     | 224.00            |
| Franklin Gram.,               | Nellie G. Shea,        | 32               | 8.50     | 272.00            |
| “ Prim.,                      | Nellie Sullivan,       | 32               | 9.50     | 304.00            |
| Liberty,—                     | Catherine Monyham,     | 11               | 9.50     | 104.50            |
| “                             | Bertha Miller,         | 11               | 9.50     | 104.50            |
| “                             | C. Ellen Gage,         | 2                | 9.50     | 19.00             |
| “                             | Agnes Dillon,          | 8                | 9.50     | 76.00             |
| Washington,                   | Myrtle Kezar,          | 11               | 8.00     | 88.00             |
| “                             | Edith L. Towne,        | 21               | 8.00     | 168.00            |
| Chestnut Hill,                | May F. Carmody,        | 32               | 8.50     | 272.00            |
| Holyoke,                      | Victor A. Blackmer,    | 22               | 7.00     | 154.00            |
| “                             | Victor A. Blackmer,    | 10               | 7.50     | 75.00             |
| Federal,                      | Iva G. White,          | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00             |
| “                             | Myra L. Merriam,       | 11               | 9.00     | 99.00             |
| “                             | Mary E. Marble,        | 10               | 9.00     | 90.00             |
| Lake Vale,                    | Libbie C. Gutberlett,  | 32               | 7.50     | 240.00            |
| Union,                        | I. Louise Brown,       | 25 $\frac{4}{5}$ | 8.50     | 219.30            |
| “                             | I. Louise Brown,       | 10               | 9.25     | 92.50             |
| West Hill,                    | Effie Witt,            | 11               | 5.50     | 60.50             |
| “ “                           | Mildred Grant,         | 11               | 5.00     | 55.00             |
| “ “                           | Katherine Moriarty,    | 10               | 5.50     | 55.00             |
| Laurel,                       | Edith L. Towne,        | 11               | 8.00     | 88.00             |
| “                             | Effie Witt,            | 21               | 6.00     | 126.00            |
| Blue Meadow,                  | Florence E. Johnson,   | 13 $\frac{2}{3}$ | 8.00     | 107.20            |
| “ “                           | Florence Gould,        | 21               | 5.00     | 105.00            |
|                               |                        |                  |          | <hr/> \$ 5,877.50 |
| Less paid from Bridgman fund, |                        |                  |          | 242.40            |
| Paid from town treasury,      |                        |                  |          | <hr/> \$ 5,635.10 |



## JANITORS.

|                                        |          |           |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| S. A. Hodgkins, center school,         | \$ 90.00 |           |
| A. R. Lewis, paid in other schools,    | 23.68    |           |
| G. H. B. Green, paid in other schools, | 13.50    |           |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$ 127.18 |

## TRANSPORTATION.

|                              |        |           |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| W. A. Kimball, East Hill,    | 172.50 |           |
| Nathan Sheldon, Rock Rimmon, | 8.50   |           |
|                              | <hr/>  | \$ 181.00 |

## SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A. R. Lewis, Supt.,            | \$ 1,080.00 |             |
| G. H. B. Green, Com.,          | 52.00       |             |
| M. A. Morse, Com.,             | 17.00       |             |
| Roswell Allen, Com.,           | 5.00        |             |
| D. F. Shumway, Truant officer, | 20.00       |             |
|                                | <hr/>       | \$ 1,174.00 |

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                         |          |           |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| E. E. Babb & Co.,       | \$ 87.30 |           |
| A. H. Bartlett,         | 29.18    |           |
| L. H. Blackmer,         | 3.60     |           |
| Silver Burdette,        | 3.60     |           |
| Ginn & Co.,             | 98.17    |           |
| D. L. Hazen,            | 9.15     |           |
| J. L. Hammett,          | 3.25     |           |
| D. C. Heath & Co.,      | 30.00    |           |
| C. Howard Hunt,         | 8.32     |           |
| Houghton Mifflin & Co., | 8.76     |           |
| Laird & Lee,            | 16.20    |           |
| B. H. Sanbourn,         | 18.42    |           |
| Sundry small bills,     | 5.10     |           |
|                         | <hr/>    | \$ 321.05 |

## FUEL.

|                  |              |         |           |
|------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Robert Baggs,    | Ches. Hill,  | \$ 2.00 |           |
| E. R. Blackmer,  | Center,      | 27.50   |           |
| “                | Holyoke,     | 13.75   |           |
| Eugene Flaherty, |              | 51.00   |           |
| R. S. Hastings,  |              | 2.25    |           |
| C. W. Darling,   |              | 5.50    |           |
| James Moriarty,  | Cold Spring, | 16.50   |           |
| J. A. Peeso,     | Center,      | 27.50   |           |
| Pratt Bros.,     |              | 41.25   |           |
| W. B. Shaw,      | Center,      | 27.50   |           |
| G. S. Warner,    | Federal,     | 16.50   |           |
| G. S. Warner,    | Lake Vale,   | 11.00   |           |
| G. L. Witt,      | Union,       | 16.50   |           |
| E. C. Witt,      | Blue Meadow, | 6.88    |           |
| “                |              | 47.62   |           |
|                  |              | <hr/>   | \$ 313.25 |

## BILLS CONTRACTED 1908.

|                                                |          |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Grace Thayer, teaching, ( East Hill ) 6 weeks, | \$ 36.00 |          |
| L. M. Thayer, janitor, “ “                     | 2.50     |          |
| H. S. Pratt, transportation of pupil,          | 11.00    |          |
| W. J. Holcomb, 3 cords wood, ( Blue Meadow )   | 18.00    |          |
| Thomas Landers, truant officer,                | 4.00     |          |
| Pratt Bros., sawing wood,                      | 4.00     |          |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies,                         | 3.70     |          |
| Janitor, Lake Vale,                            | 1.00     |          |
|                                                | <hr/>    | \$ 80.20 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| L. H. Blackmer, printing,        | \$ 12.23 |
| W. M. Welch, diplomas,           | 20.15    |
| E. C. Polk, graduation expenses, | .95      |



|                                        |         |          |
|----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Mr. Butterfield, at teachers meeting,  | \$ 1.50 |          |
| A. R. Lewis, R. R. fare and telephone, | 7.67    |          |
| G. H. B. Green, " " " "                | 7.50    |          |
| J. J. Ventura, R. R. fare,             | 8.20    |          |
| Frt., express, and cartage,            | 17.93   |          |
| Postage and expense on state returns,  | 6.35    |          |
| A. R. Lewis, taking school census,     | 6.00    |          |
| M. A. Whittemore, sanitary work,       | 5.25    |          |
| Geo. Claflin, cleaning well,           | 1.00    |          |
| H. A. Hopkins, ribbon etc.,            | 1.92    |          |
|                                        | <hr/>   | \$ 96.65 |

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#### SUMMARY OF BILLS APPROVED.

|                     |          |                   |
|---------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Bills of 1908,      | \$ 80.20 |                   |
| Teachers' wages,    | 5,635.10 |                   |
| School supervision, | 1,174.00 |                   |
| Books and supplies, | 321.05   |                   |
| Fuel,               | 313.25   |                   |
| Janitors,           | 127.18   |                   |
| Transportation,     | 181.00   |                   |
| Miscellaneous,      | 96.65    |                   |
| Total schools,      | <hr/>    | \$ 7,928.43       |
| " town,             |          | 227.18            |
| " approved,         |          | <hr/> \$ 8,155.61 |

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#### UNEXPENDED BALANCES.

|                               |             |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Feb. 1, 1910, school account, | \$ 2,254.11 |             |
| " " " town "                  | 368.83      |             |
|                               | <hr/>       | \$ 2,622.94 |

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#### DUE THE SCHOOL, BOOK ACCOUNT.

|                                           |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| From Ginn & Co., exchange of geographies, | \$ 45.22 |          |
| " D. C. Heath & Co., " " grammars,        | 7.91     |          |
| " Silver Burdette Co., " " spellers,      | 4.65     |          |
|                                           | <hr/>    | \$ 57.78 |

### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools, – To include teachers' wages, transportation, cost of fuel, books, supplies and incidentals, salary of school committee, superintendent, truant officer and janitors, \$ 5,100.00

For general repairs the unexpended balance is sufficient.

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### EXAMINATIONS.

Candidates for admission to the eighth grade in the Center school and to the High School will be examined in the High School rooms, Wednesday, June 29, at 9 o'clock A. M.

#### CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE EIGHTH GRADE.

Sept. 1, 1909.

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Raymond Baggs,    | Clarinda Ketchen, |
| Leroy Bardwell,   | Walter Mc Kellop, |
| Hazel Barrett,    | Florence Morse,   |
| Paul Barrett,     | Walter Pierce,    |
| Celia Blackmer,   | Waring Randall,   |
| Burt Clifford,    | John Riley,       |
| Walter Cook,      | Arthur Robinson,  |
| Orin Davis,       | Elsie Rogers,     |
| Olive Demarest,   | Bertram Shaw,     |
| Della Dodge,      | Clark Spellman,   |
| Ruth Eaton,       | Beatrice Squires, |
| Kathleen Forrest, | Dorothy Thomson,  |
| G. Stacy Gay,     | Henry Walker,     |
| H. Merle Gay,     | Lucy Warner,      |
| Raymond Jenks,    | Mabel Wood.       |
| Minnie Kenfield,  |                   |

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#### CANDIDATES ADMITTED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Harold Allen,        | Evelina Dubuque, |
| Lowdzer Antanovitch, | Bertha Eaton,    |



Lillian Austin,  
Beatrice Bolter,  
Lewis Dodge,  
Edna Doolittle,  
Corine Dubuque,

Robert Flynn,  
Esther Jackson,  
Geraldine Shea,  
Lizzie Shea,  
Vernon Sturtevant.

# Belchertown High School.

## COURSES OF STUDY

| CLASSICAL |                         |   | SCIENTIFIC             |  |   |
|-----------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--|---|
| 1st. yr.  | English                 | 5 | English                |  | 5 |
|           | Algebra                 | 5 | Algebra                |  | 5 |
|           | Latin                   | 5 | Physics                |  | 5 |
| 2nd. yr.  | English                 | 3 | English                |  | 3 |
|           | Plane Geometry          | 4 | Plane Geometry         |  | 4 |
|           | Caesar                  | 5 | Geology & Botany       |  | 5 |
|           | Ancient History         | 4 | Ancient History        |  | 4 |
| 3rd. yr.  | English                 | 3 | English                |  | 3 |
|           | Cicero                  | 5 | Chemistry & Physiology |  | 5 |
|           | French                  | 4 | French                 |  | 4 |
|           | { Advanced Mathematics  | 4 | { Advanced Mathematics |  | 4 |
|           | or                      |   | or                     |  |   |
|           | { Chemistry & Physiol'y | 5 | { English History      |  | 4 |
|           | or                      |   |                        |  |   |
|           | { English History       | 4 |                        |  |   |
| 4th. yr.  | English                 | 3 | English                |  | 3 |
|           | Virgil                  | 5 | Economics              |  | 3 |
|           | French                  | 4 | Commercial Arithmetic  |  | 3 |
|           | Am. History & Gov't     | 4 | Physical Geography     |  | 3 |
|           |                         |   | Am. History & Gov't    |  | 4 |

### NOTES.

- Each student must select *one* of the two courses offered, selection from both cannot be permitted except as in Note 5.



2. A change from one course to the other can be made only at the end of the year.
  3. Candidates for College must take the Classical Course throughout.
  4. Candidates for Medical or Dental schools must take the Classical Course the first year, then change to the Scientific Course for the remainder of the work.
  5. Candidates for Engineering or Technical schools must elect Advanced Mathematics and will be permitted to elect Senior French, if otherwise pursuing the Scientific Course.
  6. Chorus singing throughout the four years.
  7. Theory and Practice of Public Speaking throughout the four years.
  8. Senior English will include a thorough review of Technical Grammar.
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Early in the year a vacancy was caused on the School Board by the removal from town of Dr. S. W. Perry; and in June, Roswell Allen was elected to fill the position for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Perry's absence also caused a vacancy in the office of school physician; which was later filled by the election of Dr. Geo. F. Thomson.

Dr. Thomson's death in the early winter again caused a vacancy which has since remained unfilled.

The chairman of your committee, greatly regrets that the voters of the town are still reluctant to take such action, as shall result in providing the additional room so much needed at our Center School building, in order to increase the efficiency of work of our grammar and High schools; and he would direct your especial attention to that portion of the report of your superintendent which treats of that subject. He also hopes that in the near future you may realize the importance of the matter and take the action necessary to bring about this needed improvement.

|                                                            |   |                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GEORGE H. B. GREEN,<br>MERRICK A. MORSE,<br>ROSWELL ALLEN, | } | <i>School Committee<br/>         of<br/>         Belchertown.</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|

# SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole Number. | No. enrolled. | No. over 15. | No. between 5 and 15. | No. between 7 and 14. | Spring      |             | Fall.       |             | Winter.     |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |               |               |              |                       |                       | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. |
| High. . . . .                | 61            | 45            | 40           | 5                     | 3                     | 44          | 43          | 46          | 42          | 41          | 40          |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 46            | 25            | 1            | 24                    | 20                    | 24          | 23          | 38          | 37          | 38          | 35          |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 23            | 17            | 1            | 16                    | 16                    | 16          | 15          | 15          | 14          | 14          | 14          |
| Center Primary . . . . .     | 38            | 38            | 0            | 38                    | 23                    | 23          | 21          | 32          | 30          | 33          | 28          |
| Gold Spring. . . . .         | 20            | 20            | 1            | 19                    | 13                    | 13          | 12          | 16          | 14          | 16          | 14          |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 28            | 19            | 0            | 19                    | 16                    | 19          | 18          | 22          | 21          | 21          | 20          |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 54            | 53            | 0            | 53                    | 41                    | 41          | 39          | 37          | 35          | 35          | 33          |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 37            | 31            | 1            | 30                    | 27                    | 27          | 25          | 26          | 24          | 29          | 26          |
| Washington. . . . .          | 35            | 31            | 0            | 31                    | 25                    | 30          | 28          | 28          | 26          | 26          | 24          |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        |               |               |              |                       |                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 31            | 31            | 0            | 31                    | 24                    | 24          | 21          | 24          | 23          | 21          | 19          |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 22            | 18            | 0            | 18                    | 15                    | 17          | 16          | 17          | 16          | 12          | 11          |
| Federal . . . . .            | 30            | 29            | 2            | 23                    | 21                    | 24          | 23          | 16          | 16          | 16          | 13          |
| Lake Vale. . . . .           | 13            | 12            | 0            | 12                    | 9                     | 12          | 11          | 6           | 6           | 6           | 6           |
| Union. . . . .               | 24            | 24            | 0            | 24                    | 17                    | 20          | 16          | 18          | 16          | 19          | 16          |
| West Hill . . . . .          | 12            | 12            | 12           | 11                    | 11                    | 11          | 9           | 9           | 8           | 9           | 8           |
| East Hill. . . . .           |               |               |              |                       |                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 11            | 10            | 0            | 10                    | 10                    | 9           | 9           | 11          | 11          | 9           | 8           |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 10            | 10            | 0            | 10                    | 9                     | 9           | 8           | 7           | 7           | 7           | 6           |
|                              | 495           | 425           | 58           | 374                   | 300                   | 363         | 337         | 368         | 346         | 352         | 321         |



## Roll of Honor.

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PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE EIGHT YEARS.

Ruth E. Jackson.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FOUR YEARS.

Maria Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

Esther Jackson.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

George Forrest, -  
Charles Grover,  
Catherine Austin,  
Charles Readon,  
John Keys.

Fred Fillmore,  
Alice Austin,  
Harold Hudson,  
Michael Topor,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

William Kimball,  
Florence Thompson,  
Jean Forrest,  
Lewis Dodge,  
Florence Baggs,  
Fred Damon,  
Ethel Dewey,  
Osborne Davis,  
Bernard Keys,  
Henry Rys,

Lewis Thayer,  
Doris Spellman,  
Harold Allen,  
Anna Coleman,  
John Jackson,  
Florence Robinson,  
Waring Randall,  
May La Crosse,  
Francis Shea,  
Joseph Tapor,

Josie Shea,  
Jennie Wludyka,  
Bernadette Shea,

Maud La Crosse,  
Anna Sullivan,  
Blake Jackson.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Agnes Thayer,  
Gertrude Shea,  
Edna Damon,  
Francis Austin,  
Marie Davis,  
Geraldine Shea,  
Clarence Washburn,  
Louise Davis,  
Jessie Orlando,  
Harold Davis,  
Walter Dodge,  
Wells Stacy,  
Leona Farley,  
Ralph Fillmore,  
Minnie Stadler,  
William Shaw,  
Lillian Austin,  
Edgar Witt,  
Lowdzer Antanovitch,  
Harold Brotherton,  
Susie Squires,  
Laura Robinson,  
Theodore Hazen,  
Floyd Peeso,  
Antonia Farley,  
Charlotte Fillmore,  
Theodore Firth,  
Luella Bardwell,  
Herbert Bardwell,  
Helen Austin,

Arthur Pike,  
Edna Doolittle,  
Olive Demarest,  
Kathleen Forrest,  
Beatrice Squires,  
Orrin Davis,  
Raymond Jenks,  
Clark Spellman,  
Dorothy Thompson,  
Lucy Warner,  
Belding Jackson,  
Irene Orlando,  
Marcella Garvey,  
Alice Hanifin,  
Agnes Hanifin,  
Ruth Hanifin,  
Irene Hanifin,  
Robert Hanifin,  
Helen Clifford,  
Neljo Joblonski,  
Bertha Kulie,  
Nellie Landers,  
Joseph Le Bida,  
Stanley Le Bida,  
Staffie Murray,  
Joseph Rys,  
John Schvert,  
Margaret Shea,  
Rose Smith,  
John Sullivan,



Eleanor Bardwell,  
Garrit Cavanaugh,  
Josephine Cavanaugh,  
Julia Cavanaugh,  
Mary Cavanaugh,  
Wilfred Noel,  
Merton Shumway,  
Edgar Shumway,  
Garfield Hubbard,  
Harold Kimball,

Nora Sullivan,  
Jessie Supernaski,  
Peter Wludyka,  
Mary Landers,  
Flora Wludyka,  
Edward Joblonski,  
Michael Shea,  
John Sullivan,  
Annie Syper,  
George Flynn.

# Minutes of Town Meeting held Mar. 1, 1909.

Meeting called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by Town Clerk, Arthur Bridgman who read the warrant and then called for action under

## ARTICLE 1.

Geo. H. B. Green was elected moderator.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. H. Fishburn.

## ARTICLE 2.

The reports of the assessors and of the collector were read and accepted after which on motion of W. E. Bridgman it was voted to waive the reading of the reports of the several town officials and to act upon each separately by its title. The reports of the Supt. of Streets, Overseers of the Poor, and the Selectmen were accepted. Then the time for the opening of the polls having arrived, on motion of G. C. Allen it was voted to suspend further action on article two and take up article three. The following election officers having been sworn by the moderator, the polls were formally opened.

Gate keepers, A. H. Hubbard, S. B. Griffin.

Ballot clerks, Frank Austin, M. E. Williams.

Tellers, Eula Lane, Henry Aldrich.

Counters, E. A. R. Fairchild, Frank Austin, E. A. Randall, Andrew Sears.

Checkers, Guy C. Allen, Eugene Flaherty.

At 11.30 on motion of E. C. Witt, voted to again take up article two, while still continuing action under article three.



## ARTICLE 2, Resumed,

And the remaining reports of the town officers were accepted.

## ARTICLE 4.

Chose by nomination the following officers; Tree Warden, Everett Howard. 3 Fence Viewers, Geo. Knight, Henry Jepson, (qualified) E. R. Peeso, (qualified)

8 Measurers of Wood.

8 Surveyors of Lumber.

Guy C. Allen Jr., (qualified)

Guy C. Allen,

James A. Peeso, “

Jason Hurlburt,

Wm. E. Bridgman, “

C. A. Marsh, (qualified)

Philip M. Dodge, “

J. A. Peeso, “

Almon L. Pratt,

E. R. Peeso, “

D. D. Hazen,

C. L. Jenks, “

Myron A. Shaw, (qualified)

Homer S. Pratt, “

Willard H. Belden. “

H. H. Barrett. “

6 Field Drivers, Fred Fuller, Alonzo Blackmer, (qualified) Philip M. Dodge, Francis Wilson, George Dwight, Lyman Randolph, (qualified.)

2 Almoners of S. M. D. Bridgman and Whiting Street Fund, Mrs. Guy C. Allen and Mrs. M. A. Morse.

1 Trustee of Calvin Bridgman Fund, 3 years, Mrs. M. A. Morse.

## ARTICLE 5.

Money for support of schools. Voted to raise \$ 5,200.

## ARTICLE 6.

Money for school house repairs. Voted to raise \$ 600.

## ARTICLE 7.

Money for pauper expenses. Voted to raise \$ 700.

## ARTICLE 8.

Money for town expenses. Voted to raise \$ 2,000.

## ARTICLE 9.

Money for highway expenses. Voted to raise \$ 3,500.

## ARTICLE 10.

Relative to abolition of two grade crossings on Central Vermont

road. Voted to instruct the selectmen to take the necessary measures to have them abolished.

#### ARTICLE 11.

Relative to appropriations overdrawn. After much discussion it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby we raised \$ 2,000. under article eight and raised \$ 2,500., the additional \$ 500. to apply on this article.

#### ARTICLE 12.

Treasurers' Bond. Voted to pay for Treasurers' Bond.

#### ARTICLE 13.

Bond, stationery and postage of Tax Collector. Voted to pay for the bond, stationery and postage of tax collector, not to exceed \$ 35.

#### ARTICLE 14.

Use and care of town house. Voted to leave the matter with the selectmen.

#### ARTICLE 15.

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1908 entitled "An act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire be accepted by this town?" Voted to accept an act to provide for the protection of forest and sprout land from fire in accordance with Sec. 5, Chap. 209, acts of 1908, Yes 70, No 30.

#### ARTICLE 16.

Acceptance of road on West Hill. Voted that the town accept the condition offered by the city of Springfield, which was \$ 200., and the road beginning at the corner west of Geo. Knights, running past the reservoir towards the West Hill school house.

#### ARTICLE 17.

New road scraper. Voted to buy a road scraper at a cost not to exceed \$ 225. Voted to raise and appropriate that amount.

#### ARTICLE 18.

Street lighting. Voted to raise \$ 370.



## ARTICLE 19.

Borrowing money. Voted to authorize the chairman of the selectmen and treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

## ARTICLE 20.

Authority of collector. Voted to authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Voted at 3.15 o'clock to keep polls open until 4 o'clock.

## ARTICLE 21.

Discount on taxes and time of payment. Voted that all taxes shall be paid on or before Dec. 1, 1909.

## ARTICLE 22.

Care of bell and town clock. Voted to leave in the hands of selectmen.

## ARTICLE 23.

Money to remodel chemical engine. Voted to raise \$ 100.

## ARTICLE 24.

Fence for High School yard. Voted to raise \$ 50.

## ARTICLE 25.

Committee on appropriations. L. W. Dillon, Guy C. Allen, and J. R. Gould.

## ARTICLE 26.

Money for cemeteries. Voted to raise \$ 100 to defray the expense of mowing, fencing and keeping in repair the several burying grounds.

## ARTICLE 27.

Miscellaneous business and committee reports. The High School building committee through its secretary, G. R. Moody, gave a report of progress which was accepted as such and the committee instructed to report further at the next annual meeting. Voted to request the town clerk to hereafter furnish for the annual town report a copy of the minutes of the annual town meeting, also all special meetings during

the year. The counting of the ballots being completed the moderator announced the result as follows.

#### TOWN CLERK.

Arthur Bridgman, 244 votes, 58 blanks.

#### SELECTMEN.

Edward R. Peeso, 255,      Edgar E. Sargent, 193,  
Nelson Randall, 214,      Edgar C. Witt, 140.

#### ASSESSORS.

Frank B. Alden, 193,      Thomas Landers, 91.

#### TREASURER.

Arthur Bridgman, 261.

#### AUDITOR.

Guy C. Allen, 240.

#### CONSTABLES.

Guy C. Allen, Jr., 204, ( qualified )  
Michael Austin, 166,      "  
Myron S. Barton, 205,      "  
Geo. Canterbury, 136,      "  
Eugene Flaherty, 120,  
John Garvey, 3rd, 99,  
Chas. A. Marsh, 140,      "

#### TAX COLLECTOR.

Roswell Allen, 96 votes,      Dwight Shumway, 175.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Merrick A. Morse, 238 votes,      Mrs. D. P. Spencer, 12.

#### BURIAL GROUND COMMISSIONERS.

Edgar S. Lane, 138 votes,      D. P. Spencer, 114.

#### LICENSE.

Yes, 138,      No, 151.

On motion of D. F. Shumway, the meeting was adjourned.

ARTHUR BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*



## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

AUG. 16, 1909, AT 8 P. M.

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Meeting called to order at 8-15 o'clock, by A. Bridgman, town clerk, who read the warrant and called for action under

### ARTICLE 1.

Nelson Randall was chosen moderator.

### ARTICLE 2.

Voted to appropriate a sum of money sufficient, with the balance of the unexpended appropriation on hand at the time the Belchertown Light Heat & Power Co. begin to deliver light to make up the \$ 600. needed to contract with the Belchertown Light Heat and Power Co.

Voted to adjourn at 9-15 o'clock.

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the seventh day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, and one member of the School Committee for the unexpired term of one year, one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years, one Assessor for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, vote "yes" or "no," all on one ballot in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town, November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomination: One Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of



Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, to include the cost of fuel, school books, and other supplies, and transportation, also salaries of teachers, School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers, Janitors and incidentals.

ART. 6. To raise money to defray pauper expenses. 1000.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray town expenses. 2500.

ART. 8. To raise money to repair highways and bridges and to take such action as the town shall deem best. 2500.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds of the Treasurer.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds, stationery and postage of the Tax Collector, in addition to his salary of one hundred dollars. 2500.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the town house. 2500.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise money to defray the expense of lighting the streets for the year ensuing, and act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize the chairman of the selectmen and treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and raise and appropriate money to pay the discount on said notes, and act thereon. 2500.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes, that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to fix the time when all taxes must be paid, also to see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid on, or before, a certain date, or dates, and act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock, and act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three, to be known as the committee on appropriations, who shall

carefully investigate, and report to the next annual meeting, the amounts needed in the several departments, to be expended the ensuing year.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing, and keeping in repair the several burying grounds, and act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to build a suitable building to be used for housing road machines, and raise money for the same, a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars:

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars, to reimburse Fred Burnett for damage to his horse, caused by a defective highway, on March 26, 1907, a little west of the L. V. B. Cook place, above Dwight.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars bequeathed to it by the late Harriet E. Eaton, the income of which shall be an equivalent for the perpetual care of lot 169 in Mount Hope cemetery.

ART. 22. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen, to appropriate so much of the income of its cemetery fund, as will enable them to provide and maintain a suitable metallic marker, to indicate its perpetual care in each of the several lots in Mount Hope cemetery, of which it now has special charge, and of which it may have said charge in the future, and act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to construct a concrete sidewalk, beginning where the present walk now terminates, at a point near to, or opposite, the house of Mrs. Mary S. Shumway, thence continuing westerly on the southerly side of Walnut street, so called, to a point near to and opposite the house of Henry M. Aldrich, and act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a concrete walk, commencing on south corner of block occupied by E. A. Fuller & Co., thence to corner of building owned by Mrs. Sarah E. Gould, thence easterly to stone steps near the residence of Mrs. Sarah E. Gould, and continue on northerly side of road to a point opposite creamery, agreeably to the petition of J. R.



Gould and 21 others.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of providing its chief forester with the necessary implements and apparatus to enable him the more successfully to combat with and extinguish forest fires, that may be set accidentally or otherwise, within its limits, the said implements and apparatus to be subject to the care and control of the said forester and his successors in office, but subject however, to the restriction that the said implements and apparatus only shall be used for the purpose of extinguishing fires.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars, to apply towards payment of discount on notes on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 27. To see what measures the town will adopt, to regulate and control the use and occupation of each of its three public wells on our common, and act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will instruct its selectmen, to carry into effect the measures adopted, and the vote or votes passed on the preceding article and act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will raise a sum of money not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be used in celebrating Independence day, July 4, 1910, agreeably to the petition of F. D. Walker and 22 others.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of fifty dollars for the use of Post 97, G. A. R., for Memorial day exercises.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purchase of the L. W. Dillon lot adjoining the high school yard, to be used as a recreation ground by the children.

ART. 32. To hear the report of any committee or committees whose duty it may be to report at this meeting.

ART. 33. To see if the town will appoint a committee of three, with power to act with similar committees which may be appointed by other towns, to select a suitable place for the cooperative

care of the poor, and arrange terms and conditions for the use of the same, or act or do anything in reference thereto.

ART. 34. To hear the report of the selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

ART. 35. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February A. D. 1910.

|                 |   |                                          |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| NELSON RANDALL, | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. R. PEESO,    |   |                                          |
| E. E. SARGENT,  |   |                                          |

















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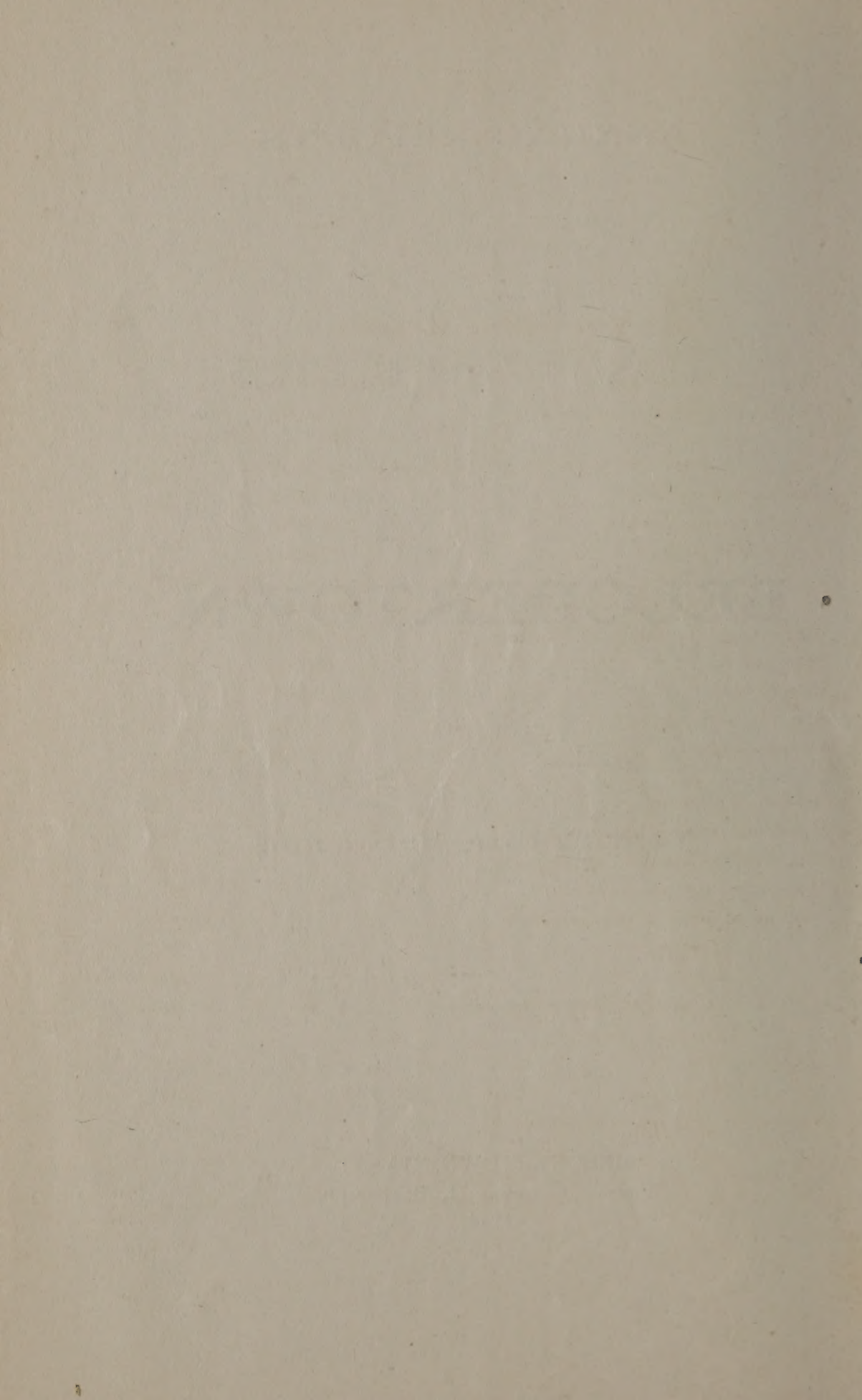


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## Assessors' Report.

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Valuation of real estate,     | \$ 760,670.00 |
| Valuation of personal estate, | 170,920.00    |
|                               | \$931,590.00  |

RATE OF TAXATION, \$ 17.20 PER THOUSAND.

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Tax on real estate,     | \$ 13,083.53 |
| Tax on personal estate, | 2,939.83     |
| Tax on 550 polls,       | 1100.00      |
|                         | \$ 17,123.36 |

WE HAVE ASSESSED THE TAX AS FOLLOWS:

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| To town, school and other expenses, | \$ 13,675.00 |
| State tax,                          | 1,485.00     |
| County tax,                         | 1,494.00     |
| State highway tax,                  | 70.52        |
| Overlayings,                        | 398.84       |
|                                     | \$ 17,123.36 |

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Added assessments,                  | \$ 23.33 |
| Residents assessed on property,     | 534      |
| Non-residents assessed on property, | 154      |
| Persons paying poll tax only,       | 181      |
| Number of acres of land assessed,   | 31,970   |
| Horses,                             | 522      |
| Cows,                               | 1,366    |
| Neat cattle, other than cows,       | 406      |
| Sheep,                              | 31       |
| Swine,                              | 119      |
| Fowls,                              | 3,300    |
| Number of dwelling houses assessed, | 505      |

|                    |   |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR., | } | <i>Assessors</i>    |
| A. L. PRATT,       |   | <i>of</i>           |
| F. B. ALDEN,       |   | <i>Belchertown.</i> |

## Collector's Report.

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|                                                                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance in Collector's hands Feb. 1, 1910, for tax 1909,                                 | \$ 1,727.23        |
| Amount collected and paid Treasurer,                                                     | 1,727.23           |
| The amount committed to your Collector as per Assessors' warrant, dated July 29, 1910,   | \$ 17,123.35       |
| Amount of added assessments,                                                             | 25.33              |
| Interest collected on taxes from Nov. 1, 1910, to Feb. 1, 1911, as per vote of the town, | 18.89              |
| Total,                                                                                   | <hr/> \$ 17,167.57 |
| He has collected and paid to the Treasurer,                                              | \$ 13,336.45       |
| He has allowed a discount to tax payers according to the vote of the town amounting to,  | 41.85              |
|                                                                                          | <hr/> \$ 13,378.30 |
| Balance in Collector's hands,                                                            | \$ 3,789.27        |

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Collector.*



## Treasurer's Report.

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|       |    |                                                                    |             |
|-------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1910. |    | <i>Dr.</i>                                                         |             |
| Feb.  | 1  | Balance due on settlement,                                         | \$ 3,250.55 |
|       | 12 | Cash of D. F. Shumway,                                             | 156.16      |
|       | 25 | A. D. Moore, for lot in cemetery,                                  | 20.00       |
| March | 1  | Town Farm,                                                         | 53.44       |
|       | 10 | D. F. Shumway,                                                     | 201.03      |
|       | 21 | "                                                                  | 147.17      |
| April | 1  | Town Farm,                                                         | 88.92       |
|       | 1  | Alvan R. Lewis,                                                    | 1.10        |
|       | 2  | Fines from district court,                                         | 15.00       |
|       | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                                     | 66.60       |
|       | 15 | Estate of Harriet E. Eaton, care of lot<br>in Mount Hope cemetery, | 100.00      |
|       | 16 | D. F. Shumway,                                                     | 250.03      |
|       | 23 | H. M. Jepson, butcher's license,                                   | 1.00        |
|       | 23 | Gideon Chenier, " "                                                | 1.00        |
|       | 23 | D. F. Shumway,                                                     | 65.00       |
|       | 26 | Herbert Paine, butcher's license,                                  | 1.00        |
|       | 27 | Ira Damon, " "                                                     | 1.00        |
|       | 27 | Patrick J. Keyes, liquor license,                                  | 700.00      |
|       | 30 | D. F. Shumway,                                                     | 72.89       |
|       | 30 | Guy C. Allen Jr., liquor license,                                  | 550.00      |
| May   | 2  | John Stadler, butcher's license,                                   | 1.00        |
|       | 2  | Town Farm,                                                         | 160.72      |

|       |    |                                             |          |
|-------|----|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| May   | 2  | Cash of Peter M. Adzima, butcher's license, | \$ 1.00  |
|       | 3  | N. W. Farrar, liquor license,               | 1.00     |
|       | 13 | D. F. Shumway,                              | 93.46    |
|       | 20 | C. V. R. R., fighting fire,                 | 224.56   |
| June  | 1  | Guy C. Allen, auctioneer's license,         | 2.00     |
|       | 3  | Abraham Suher, butcher's license,           | 1.00     |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                              | 106.26   |
|       | 4  | Town Farm,                                  | 155.44   |
|       | 11 | State Treasurer, inspection of animals,     | 60.00    |
|       | 11 | " " Ind. Industrial School,                 | 17 50    |
|       | 15 | Amherst Bank, note for 6 mos.,              | 2,000.00 |
|       | 28 | D. F. Shumway,                              | 90.29    |
| July  | 1  | Town Farm,                                  | 129.60   |
|       | 7  | Town of Ware, care of Mrs. Lemon,           | 10.00    |
|       | 14 | E. Shupert, butcher's license,              | 1.00     |
|       | 30 | Amherst Bank,                               | 1,500.00 |
| Aug.  | 1  | Town Farm,                                  | 145.84   |
|       | 11 | State Treasurer, Lyman Industrial School,   | 15.00    |
|       | 15 | D. F. Shumway,                              | 119.22   |
|       | 20 | "                                           | 307.69   |
|       | 20 | " 1909 Tax,                                 | 26.25    |
|       | 24 | Patrick J. Keys, Pool License,              | 2.00     |
|       | 27 | D. F. Shumway,                              | 1,800.85 |
| Sept. | 1  | "                                           | 1,328.26 |
|       | 2  | Town Farm,                                  | 104.64   |
|       | 3  | D. F. Shumway,                              | 524.70   |
|       | 3  | " 1909 Tax,                                 | 53.00    |
|       | 10 | "                                           | 402.79   |
|       | 17 | City of Somerville, acc't Henry Lacy,       | 12.50    |
|       | 17 | D. F. Shumway, 1909 Tax,                    | 29.45    |
|       | 17 | " 1910 Tax,                                 | 191.25   |
|       | 28 | "                                           | 221.46   |
| Oct.  | 1  | Town Farm,                                  | 121.12   |
|       | 1  | Dist. Court for fines,                      | 55.00    |
|       | 4  | D. F. Shumway,                              | 355.17   |



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|------|----|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. | 11 | Cash of D. F. Shumway, 1909 Tax,                     | \$ 14.59 |
|      | 11 | “ 1910 Tax,                                          | 238.14   |
|      | 15 | “                                                    | 259.74   |
|      | 22 | “                                                    | 274.41   |
|      | 29 | “ 1909 Tax,                                          | 32.00    |
|      | 29 | “                                                    | 699.13   |
|      | 31 | Lewis Tatro, butcher license,                        | 1.00     |
| Nov. | 1  | D. F. Shumway,                                       | 1,267.15 |
|      | 1  | Town Farm,                                           | 171.32   |
|      | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                       | 815.72   |
|      | 4  | “                                                    | 430.44   |
|      | 4  | “ 1909 Tax,                                          | 22.92    |
|      | 7  | Frank Clark, lot in Mount Hope Cemetery,             | 20.00    |
|      | 9  | D. F. Shumway,                                       | 772.73   |
|      | 11 | City of Springfield, Parish Case,                    | 10.00    |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, Corporation tax, public<br>service, | 44.25    |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, Corporation tax,                    | 1,461.47 |
|      | 15 | “ “ National Bank tax,                               | 264.29   |
|      | 15 | “ “ Military aid,                                    | 72.00    |
|      | 15 | “ “ State aid,                                       | 1,894.00 |
|      | 15 | State Treasurer, burial of indigent soldiers,        | 111.00   |
|      | 15 | “ “ tuition of children,                             | 414.50   |
|      | 17 | D. F. Shumway,                                       | 643.21   |
|      | 21 | State Treasurer, acc't of School Sup't.,             | 1,250.00 |
|      | 29 | D. F. Shumway,                                       | 293.19   |
| Dec. | 1  | Town Farm,                                           | 72.44    |
|      | 1  | Fred Higgins,                                        | 1.00     |
|      | 5  | D. F. Shumway,                                       | 386.65   |
|      | 17 | “                                                    | 390.92   |
|      | 24 | “                                                    | 225.92   |
|      | 24 | “ 1909 tax,                                          | 34.00    |
|      | 28 | “                                                    | 50.00    |
|      | 30 | “                                                    | 308.13   |
|      | 31 | Town Farm,                                           | 59.44    |

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|------|----|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Jan. | 2  | Fines from district court,                      | \$ 20.00     |
|      | 2  | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 241.70       |
|      | 11 | County Treasurer, dog fund,                     | 315.43       |
|      | 11 | Maurice Fitzgerald, Sheriff, for fines,         | 38.00        |
|      | 14 | D. F. Shumway,                                  | 255.02       |
|      | 19 | Calvin Bridgman, high school fund,              | 242.40       |
|      | 23 | Ware Savings Bank, G. W. Longley<br>music fund, | 164.84       |
|      | 25 | State Treasurer, Mass. school fund,             | 1,088.41     |
|      | 25 | " " burial of pauper,                           | 10.00        |
|      | 26 | D. F. Shumway, 1909 tax,                        | 97.44        |
|      | 26 | "                                               | 274.65       |
|      | 28 | Estate of Harriet E. Eaton,                     | 88.35        |
| Feb. | 1  | " " "                                           | 4.41         |
|      | 1  | Amherst Savings Bank, cemetery fund,            | 139.52       |
|      | 1  | Town Farm,                                      | 184.78       |
|      | 1  | D. F. Shumway, 1909 tax,                        | 168.65       |
|      | 1  | "                                               | 258.21       |
|      |    |                                                 | <hr/>        |
|      |    |                                                 | \$ 32,710.42 |

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|-------|----|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Feb.  | 25 | Cash paid discount on renewed note, Amherst<br>Bank, | \$ 30.00 |
| March | 3  | W. M. Ayers, services in district court,             | 8.18     |
|       | 30 | Discount on renewed note, Amherst<br>Bank,           | 90.00    |
| April | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,            | 18.18    |
|       | 4  | Discount on renewed note, Amherst<br>Bank,           | 37.50    |
| May   | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,            | 40.14    |
|       | 13 | State Treasurer, account of liquor<br>license,       | 312.75   |



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|-------|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| June  | 2  | Cash paid J. A. Peeso, services in district court,                                  | \$ 5.67  |
|       | 9  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 15.83    |
|       | 15 | Discount on note, Amherst Bank,                                                     | 45.00    |
|       | 24 | Amherst Savings Bank, estate of Harriet E. Eaton, care of lot in Mt. Hope cemetery, | 100.00   |
| July  | 30 | Discount on note, Amherst Bank,                                                     | 37.50    |
| Aug.  | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 8.20     |
|       | 13 | D. H. Tilson, services in district court,                                           | 7.56     |
|       | 25 | Discount on note, Amherst Bank,                                                     | 37.50    |
| Sept. | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 20.87    |
|       | 29 | Discount on renewed note,                                                           | 50.00    |
| Oct.  | 4  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 42.60    |
|       | 5  | County Tax,                                                                         | 1,494.00 |
|       | 6  | L. G. Smith, services in district court,                                            | 4.41     |
|       | 6  | Discount on renewed note,                                                           | 18.75    |
| Nov.  | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 15.33    |
|       | 2  | D. H. Tilson, services in district court,                                           | 12.72    |
|       | 2  | J. A. Peeso, services in district court,                                            | 15.15    |
|       | 15 | State Tax,                                                                          | 1,485.00 |
|       | 15 | Repairs of State highway,                                                           | 70.52    |
|       | 23 | Town of Enfield, account of school superintendent,                                  | 350.00   |
| Dec.  | 2  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 9.08     |
|       | 15 | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                               | 2,000.00 |
|       | 30 | On note at Amherst Bank,                                                            | 1,000.00 |
|       | 30 | Discount on note, Amherst Bank,                                                     | 67.50    |
| 1911  |    |                                                                                     |          |
| Jan.  | 3  | Note at Amherst Bank,                                                               | 1,500.00 |
|       | 24 | Bureau of statistics,                                                               | 3.00     |
| Feb.  | 1  | Amherst Savings Bank, estate of Harriet E. Eaton,                                   | 92.76    |
|       | 1  | M. S. Barton, services in district court,                                           | 21.64    |
|       | 1  | Discount at Amherst Bank,                                                           | 62.62    |

|         |                                                   |              |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Feb. 1, | Cash paid 559 town orders delivered to selectmen, | \$ 20,894.51 |
| 1,      | Services as Treasurer,                            | 100.00       |
|         | Cash on hand,                                     | 2,585.95     |
|         |                                                   | <hr/>        |
|         |                                                   | \$ 32,710.42 |

1910 Notes due at Amherst Bank.

Dec. 30, \$ 3,000.00, 6 months, due June 30, 1911.

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Jan. 30, \$ 3,000.00, 6 months, due July 30, 1911.

A. BRIDGMAN, *Treasurer.*

BELCHERTOWN, MASS., FEB. 13, 1911.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for. There were in the Amherst Bank and cash on hand \$ 2,585.95.

GUY C. ALLEN, *Auditor.*



# Report of Supt. of Highways.

*For the fiscal year ending Feb. 1, 1911.*

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

|                          |           |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid J. A. Peeso, labor, | \$ 163.03 |           |
| W. A. Sauer,             | 35.75     |           |
| Winslow Piper,           | 9.00      |           |
| Arnold Rowe,             | 40.13     |           |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 23.63     |           |
| Wm. Lowell,              | 12.00     |           |
| H. Tenney,               | 7.00      |           |
| S. Signor,               | 12.25     |           |
| H. Shaw,                 | 18.37     |           |
| N. Cook,                 | 9.00      |           |
| Frank Peeso,             | 3.50      |           |
|                          |           | \$ 333.66 |

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Paid E. R. Peeso, labor, | \$ 2.75 |
| Winslow Piper,           | 22.50   |
| J. A. Peeso,             | 45.71   |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 7.88    |
| Arnold Rowe,             | 8.75    |
| H. Tenney,               | 5.25    |
| Wm. Lowell,              | 3.50    |

|                          |          |           |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Frank Peeso, labor, | \$ 11.00 |           |
| Pratt Bros.,             | 5.00     |           |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 112.34 |

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

|                                        |          |           |
|----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid H. D. Paine, labor,               | \$ 36.88 |           |
| A. T. Pike,                            | 14.87    |           |
| Walter Pike,                           | 10.49    |           |
| A. L. Kimball,                         | 14.86    |           |
| M. W. Thayer,                          | 9.63     |           |
| Pratt Bros.,                           | 15.00    |           |
| Louis Capen,                           | 3.50     |           |
| Ned Rhodes,                            | .88      |           |
| H. A. Paine, plank, spikes, and labor, | 3.85     |           |
|                                        | <hr/>    | \$ 109.96 |

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

|                          |          |           |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Harry Dodge, labor, | \$ 46.25 |           |
| Geo. Akers,              | 19.75    |           |
| Arthur Squires,          | 15.75    |           |
| R. Thompson,             | 5.25     |           |
| Peter Pierce,            | 1.75     |           |
| Rufus Pierce,            | 1.75     |           |
| Louis Martin,            | 1.75     |           |
| Arnold Rowe,             | 1.75     |           |
| Wm. Lowell,              | 9.63     |           |
| Pratt Bros.,             | 3.25     |           |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 1.75     |           |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 108.63 |

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

|                         |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Geo. Akers, labor, | \$ 30.36 |          |
| Harry Dodge,            | 14.00    |          |
| Wm. Lowell,             | 10.07    |          |
| Arthur Squires,         | 6.13     |          |
| R. Thompson,            | 6.13     |          |
| Arnold Rowe,            | .87      |          |
|                         | <hr/>    | \$ 67.56 |



## DISTRICT NO. 6.

|                          |          |           |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Harry Dodge, labor, | \$ 53.75 |           |
| Geo. Akers,              | 42.13    |           |
| Arthur Squires,          | 15.75    |           |
| R. Thompson,             | 7.00     |           |
| Peter Pierce,            | 7.00     |           |
| Rufus Pierce,            | 7.00     |           |
| Fred Squires,            | 5.25     |           |
| Wm. Lowell,              | 14.88    |           |
| Dwight Jepson,           | 3.50     |           |
| D. P. Spencer,           | 2.00     |           |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 158.26 |

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

|                    |          |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| F. Goodale, labor, | \$ 27.75 |          |
| A. L. Jenks,       | 7.00     |          |
| G. Plasket,        | 4.50     |          |
| C. Kimbley,        | 4.50     |          |
| F. Fuller,         | 1.75     |          |
| F. Wilson,         | 1.25     |          |
|                    | <hr/>    | \$ 46.75 |

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

|                         |          |           |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Geo. Akers, labor,      | \$ 50.52 |           |
| Wm. Lowell,             | 23.20    |           |
| Harry Dodge,            | 16.00    |           |
| Arthur Squires,         | 7.00     |           |
| R. Thompson,            | 7.00     |           |
| Arnold Rowe,            | .88      |           |
| D. P. Spencer,          | 2.00     |           |
| Geo. Akers, for spikes, | .50      |           |
|                         | <hr/>    | \$ 107.10 |

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

|                                      |          |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Paid H. M. & A. F. Lamson for labor, | \$ 48.27 |  |
| Clarence Lamson,                     | 19.25    |  |
| Mr. Delomny,                         | 1.00     |  |

|                                             |         |          |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid R. Weston, labor,                      | \$ 5.25 |          |
| R. Thompson,                                | 6.12    |          |
| D. P. Spencer,                              | 5.00    |          |
| Howard Spencer,                             | 2.00    |          |
| Fred Squires,                               | 2.00    |          |
| H. M. Lamson, for plank and fixing scraper, | 2.40    |          |
|                                             | <hr/>   | \$ 91.29 |

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

|                            |       |           |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor, | 36.00 |           |
| Fred Squires,              | 33.25 |           |
| M. W. Thayer,              | 42.38 |           |
| Howard Spencer,            | 23.00 |           |
| C. H. Egleston,            | 44.80 |           |
| Harry Dodge,               | 26.00 |           |
| J. W. Hurlburt,            | 26.65 |           |
| Raymond Gray,              | 1.80  |           |
| John Brown,                | 1.75  |           |
| Arthur Moore,              | 16.00 |           |
| Leon Antinavitch,          | 4.00  |           |
| Wm. Brackett,              | 11.10 |           |
|                            | <hr/> | \$ 266.73 |

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

|                            |          |           |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor, | \$ 49.00 |           |
| C. H. Egleston,            | 76.00    |           |
| Fred Squires,              | 39.50    |           |
| James Miller,              | 5.25     |           |
| Arthur Squires,            | 8.75     |           |
| Howard Spencer,            | 21.50    |           |
| Merrick Whittimore,        | 1.25     |           |
| Arthur Moore,              | 52.00    |           |
| Leon Antinavitch,          | 8.00     |           |
| Andrew Capen,              | 1.80     |           |
| James Moriarty,            | 6.00     |           |
| Maurice Moriarty,          | 2.63     |           |
| Henry Dubuque,             | 2.63     |           |
|                            | <hr/>    | \$ 274.31 |



## DISTRICT NO. 12.

|                                      |          |           |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid James Moriarty, labor,          | \$ 69.93 |           |
| Arthur Moore,                        | 32.00    |           |
| Henry Dubuque,                       | 5.25     |           |
| John Sullivan,                       | 16.92    |           |
| Eugene Sullivan,                     | 3.50     |           |
| Thomas Shea,                         | 3.50     |           |
| Henry Talmadge,                      | 8.05     |           |
| Patrick Kennedy,                     | 4.00     |           |
| Tom Austin,                          | 6.88     |           |
| John B. Shea,                        | 10.50    |           |
| Maurice Moriarty,                    | 33.84    |           |
| Peter Garvey,                        | 5.00     |           |
| D. P. Spencer,                       | 6.00     |           |
| F. Wyman,                            | 1.50     |           |
| Geo. George, for gravel,             | .65      |           |
| John Austin, 43 loads gravel,        | 3.44     |           |
| James Moriarty, for posts and rails, | 1.00     |           |
|                                      | <hr/>    | \$ 211.96 |

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

|                                             |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid M. F. Austin, ( team and men ), labor, | \$ 104.25 |           |
| W. C. Hayes, labor,                         | 20.00     |           |
| D. P. Spencer,                              | 8.00      |           |
| Frank Mills,                                | 1.30      |           |
| Posts and rails,                            | 6.20      |           |
| M. E. Cavanaugh, labor,                     | 44.60     |           |
| J. Cavanaugh,                               | 21.60     |           |
| P. Cavanaugh,                               | 9.45      |           |
| E. Stapleton,                               | 3.50      |           |
| J. Ahearn,                                  | 7.70      |           |
| F. Austin,                                  | 10.50     |           |
|                                             | <hr/>     | \$ 237.10 |

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Patrick Moriarty, labor, | \$ 62.58 |
| John Bromley,                 | 28.18    |

|                          |          |           |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid Adam Adamisky,      | \$ 21.77 |           |
| Mr. Grant,               | 5.25     |           |
| Mr. Ramsdell,            | 1.75     |           |
| D. P. Spencer,           | 4.00     |           |
| Posts, rails and spikes, | 4.00     |           |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 127.53 |

## DISTRICT NO. 15.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Thomas Cody, labor, | \$ 32.00 |          |
| John Ahearn,             | 11.65    |          |
| Patrick Cody,            | 4.88     |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 48.53 |

## DISTRICT NO. 16.

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid J. W. Hurlburt, labor, | \$ 30.00 |          |
| B. F. Hubbard,              | 14.87    |          |
| Geo. Oliver,                | 7.00     |          |
| Wm. Brackett,               | 13.02    |          |
| D. F. Shumway,              | 16.00    |          |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 80.89 |

## DISTRICT NO. 17.

|                          |          |           |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Paid M. A. Morse, labor, | \$ 46.88 |           |
| Henry Ann,               | 11.20    |           |
| H. D. Taylor,            | 17.37    |           |
| Peter Adzimer,           | 11.03    |           |
| M. A. Morse, gravel,     | 3.30     |           |
| Jason Hurlburt, labor,   | 10.45    |           |
| D. P. Spencer,           | 5.25     |           |
| Ben. Hubbard,            | 4.50     |           |
| Leon Williams,           | 4.50     |           |
| George Williams,         | 4.50     |           |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 118.98 |

## DISTRICT NO. 18.

|                          |          |  |
|--------------------------|----------|--|
| Paid C. R. Green, labor, | \$ 63.25 |  |
| Winslow Piper,           | 15.15    |  |
| Andrew Sears,            | 16.65    |  |



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|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Paid G. H. B. Green,          | \$ 2.95 |           |
| D. P. Spencer,                | 4.00    |           |
| C. R. Green, posts and rails, | 2.00    |           |
|                               | <hr/>   | \$ 104.00 |

## DISTRICT NO. 19.

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid M. C. Bardwell, labor, | \$ 56.77 |          |
| Wm. Bardwell,               | 8.00     |          |
| Mr. Humphreys,              | 3.50     |          |
| Ambrose Patinaud,           | 7.34     |          |
| R. A. Bardwell,             | 15.75    |          |
| M. C. Bardwell, gravel,     | 5.28     |          |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$ 96.64 |

As considerable work, not ordinarily done, has been done this year, your Supt. gives below a separate account of the more expensive of such work.

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Bridge over Jabish brook, Enfield road.

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid J. A. Peeso, labor, | \$ 12.00 |          |
| J. A. Peeso, stringers,  | 20.00    |          |
| J. A. Peeso, plank,      | 26.25    |          |
|                          | <hr/>    | \$ 58.25 |

Bates and Parker bridges.

|                                           |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| J. A. Peeso, labor, plank, and stringers, | \$ 22.00 | \$ 22.00 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|----------|

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Widening the highway west of Dwight.

|                         |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Geo. Akers, labor, | \$ 26.00 |          |
| Wm. Lowell,             | 9.62     |          |
| Howard Spencer,         | 7.00     |          |
| Harry Dodge,            | 16.00    |          |
| Dwight Jepson,          | 7.00     |          |
| D. P. Spencer,          | 15.25    |          |
|                         | <hr/>    | \$ 80.87 |

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

Weston bridge, new abutments and bridge.

|                             |    |       |          |
|-----------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor,  | \$ | 8.00  |          |
| Fred Squires,               |    | 6.25  |          |
| Howard Spencer,             |    | 3.50  |          |
| R. Thompson,                |    | 1.40  |          |
| H. Lamson,                  |    | 8.80  |          |
| D. Ruell,                   |    | 1.75  |          |
| J. A. Peeso, for plank,     |    | 25.00 |          |
| E. R. Peeso, for stringers, |    | 16.50 |          |
|                             |    | <hr/> | \$ 67.20 |

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Planking one half of W. Ware bridge.

|                          |    |       |          |
|--------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Paid J. A. Peeso, labor, | \$ | 3.50  |          |
| H. Tenney,               |    | 1.75  |          |
| J. A. Peeso, for plank,  |    | 25.00 |          |
|                          |    | <hr/> | \$ 30.25 |

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

Planking one half of N. bridge Bondsville.

|                          |    |        |           |
|--------------------------|----|--------|-----------|
| Paid J. A. Peeso, labor, | \$ | 5.00   |           |
| Arnold Rowe,             |    | 3.50   |           |
| Wm. Lowell,              |    | 3.50   |           |
| J. A. Peeso, for plank,  |    | 101.50 |           |
|                          |    | <hr/>  | \$ 113.50 |

Work on sewer at S. Belchertown.

|                         |    |       |          |
|-------------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Paid James Shea, labor, | \$ | 17.50 |          |
| G. W. Canterbury,       |    | 16.25 |          |
|                         |    | <hr/> | \$ 33.75 |

## DISTRICT NO. 14.

Raising highway and new culvert.

|                    |    |       |          |
|--------------------|----|-------|----------|
| Paid Arthur Moore, | \$ | 8.00  |          |
| James Shea,        |    | 5.00  |          |
| D. P. Spencer,     |    | 5.50  |          |
|                    |    | <hr/> | \$ 18.50 |



## DISTRICT NO. 17.

Pease bridge, new abutments and bridge.

|                                   |         |          |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid D. P. Spencer, labor,        | \$ 6.75 |          |
| Fred Squires,                     | 5.65    |          |
| Howard Spencer,                   | 4.00    |          |
| Leon Williams,                    | 6.50    |          |
| J. A. Peeso, plank and stringers, | 22.50   |          |
|                                   | <hr/>   | \$ 45.40 |

Bridge near Ludlow line.

|                               |         |          |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid D. P. Speneer, labor,    | \$ 2.50 |          |
| Fred Squires,                 | 1.75    |          |
| Howard Spencer,               | 1.75    |          |
| M. A. Morse,                  | 4.00    |          |
| Leon Williams,                | .88     |          |
| Peter Adzimer, for stringers, | 9.90    |          |
| J. A. Peeso, for plank,       | 12.50   |          |
|                               | <hr/>   | \$ 34.28 |

## . MISCELLANEOUS.

|                                                                         |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid W. B. Shaw, planks for Dist. No. 16,                               | \$ 16.50 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 6,                                                      | 16.39    |
| E. R. Peeso, timber, plank and railings for<br>Dist. Nos. 5 and 8,      | 25.00    |
| Town of Palmer, for painting $\frac{1}{2}$ of bridge,                   | 13.97    |
| Albert Dodge, repairing scraper,                                        | 1.00     |
| Peeso and Goodell, plank, posts and railing<br>for Dists. Nos. 5 and 8, | 13.44    |
| J. L. Smith, 3 scraper edges and 4 cap<br>screws,                       | 24.40    |
| W. F. Shaw, cartage of above,                                           | .50      |
| B. & M. Railroad, freight,                                              | .25      |
| D. F. Austin, repairs on Federal St. water-<br>ing tub,                 | 3.00     |
| D. F. Austin, repairs on Depot hill, water-<br>ing tub,                 | 5.90     |
| D. F. Austin, repairs on Enfield road water-<br>ing tub,                | 2.75     |

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|--------------------------------------------------|----|----------|-------------|
| Paid D. L. Hazen, for tile,                      | \$ | 30.40    |             |
| “ “ “ “ spikes,                                  |    | 7.16     |             |
| “ “ “ “ 12 shovels,                              |    | 10.00    |             |
| “ “ “ “ miscellaneous,                           |    | 4.25     |             |
| Pratt Bros., stringers and plank, Dist. No. 4,   |    | 11.83    |             |
| For paint and painting West Ware bridge,         |    | 5.35     |             |
| Geo. Harvey, for cleaning cross walks,           |    | .75      |             |
| Henry Thrasher, for fixing pump,                 |    | .15      |             |
| B. Billings, care of cross walks and gutters,    |    | 13.20    |             |
| H. F. Curtis, bolts for scraper,                 |    | .25      |             |
| Arthur Bridgman, shovel and spikes,              |    | 1.00     |             |
| H. F. Curtis, whiffle-tree & evener for scraper, |    | 3.25     |             |
| Henry Witt, posts and poles, Dist. No 9,         |    | 3.60     |             |
| Harry Dodge, express on castings,                |    | .30      |             |
| A. Lovett, for removing tree from road,          |    | .50      |             |
| F. A. Randolph, patching bridge,                 |    | .50      |             |
| For 2 watering tubs on common,                   |    | 11.25    |             |
| H. F. Curtis, sharpening tools,                  |    | .90      |             |
| Mrs. Gutberlett, housing scrapers,               |    | 2.00     |             |
| Geo. Akers, for drawing scrapers to cover,       |    | 3.00     |             |
| D. P. Spencer, Supt's. salary,                   |    | 35.00    |             |
|                                                  |    | <hr/>    | \$ 267.74   |
| Unexpended balance of 1909 and 1910,             | \$ | 160.64   |             |
| Raised for years of 1910 and 1911,               |    | 3,500.00 |             |
|                                                  |    | <hr/>    | \$ 3,660.64 |
| 1909 and 1910 bills paid by E. R. Peeso,         | \$ | 52.86    |             |
| “ “ “ “ “ D. P. Spencer,                         |    | 13.30    |             |
| Expended for 1910 and 1911,                      |    | 3,473.25 |             |
|                                                  |    | <hr/>    | \$ 3,539.41 |
| Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, 1911,                |    |          | \$ 121.23   |

D. P. SPENCER, *Supt. of Streets.*



# Report of the Overseers of Poor.

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Feb. 2 1911.

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Bed linen,                      | \$ 23.00 |
| Table linen,                    | 6.00     |
| Towels, etc.,                   | 2.30     |
| 7 pairs of muslin curtains,     | 5.25     |
| 10 bed spreads and 25 blankets, | 16.00    |
| 6 feather beds,                 | 10.00    |
| 3 straw beds,                   | 1.50     |
| 7 mattresses,                   | 12.00    |
| 17 pillows,                     | 5.00     |
| 23 quilts,                      | 25.00    |
| 5 bed springs,                  | 14.50    |
| 1 bedroom set,                  | 5.00     |
| 6 iron bedsteads,               | 15.00    |
| 5 wooden bedsteads,             | 5.00     |
| 15 bureaus,                     | 35.00    |
| 2 stands,                       | .50      |
| 25 chairs,                      | 16.00    |
| 1 dining room table,            | 6.00     |
| 1 center table,                 | 2.00     |
| 1 sofa,                         | 6.00     |
| 2 cook stoves,                  | 20.00    |

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 4 stoves,                          | \$ 15.00 |
| 1 set of dishes,                   | 8.00     |
| Invalid chair No. 1,               | 15.00    |
| Invalid chair No. 2,               | 5.00     |
| 1 carpet,                          | 9.00     |
| 2 linoleums,                       | 7.00     |
| 1 incubator,                       | 3.00     |
| 1 new range,                       | 45.00    |
| Pantry utensils, etc.,             | 20.00    |
| 9 lamps,                           | 2.00     |
| Meat and provisions,               | 51.00    |
| 60 gallons of vinegar,             | 9.00     |
| 80 quarts of canned fruit,         | 22.00    |
| 40 quarts of canned pickles,       | 4.00     |
| 16 quarts of canned vegetables,    | 3.20     |
| 50 cans of jelly,                  | 4.00     |
| 18 bushels of turnips,             | 4.50     |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of beans,     | 1.25     |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of beets,     | .50      |
| 100 lbs. of squashes,              | 1.50     |
| 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ barrels of apples, | 5.00     |
| 100 bushels of No. 1 potatoes,     | 65.00    |
| 10        "        No. 2        "  | 3.00     |
| 600 pounds of gluten,              | 9.60     |
| 1000    "        stock feed,       | 14.50    |
| 100    "        meal,              | 1.20     |
| 100    "        cracked corn,      | 1.20     |
| 6 bushels of oats,                 | 3.00     |
| 6 barrels of cob meal,             | 6.00     |
| 40 cords of wood in shed,          | 200.00   |
| 30    "        "        yard,      | 120.00   |
| 90 bushels of corn in the ear,     | 30.00    |
| 10 stake chains,                   | 2.50     |
| 2 cable        "                   | 4.25     |
| Hoes, shovels, etc.,               | 5.00     |



|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 95 fowls,                     | \$ 57.00 |
| 1 double sled,                | 35.00    |
| 1 single “                    | 8.00     |
| 1 express sleigh,             | 7.00     |
| 1 cutter,                     | 15.00    |
| 1 double wagon,               | 110.00   |
| 1 express “                   | 25.00    |
| 1 buggy,                      | 20.00    |
| 1 dump cart,                  | 40.00    |
| 1 manure spreader,            | 65.00    |
| 1 pair of double harnesses,   | 25.00    |
| 1 farm harness,               | 10.00    |
| 2 buggy harnesses,            | 20.00    |
| 1 mowing machine,             | 10.00    |
| 2 horse rakes,                | 25.00    |
| 1 tedder,                     | 5.00     |
| 5 plows,                      | 15.00    |
| 1 wheel harrow,               | 23.00    |
| 1 spring tooth harrow,        | 8.00     |
| 1 spike “ “                   | 6.00     |
| 2 cultivators,                | 5.00     |
| 1 corn sheller,               | 3.00     |
| 1 express pole,               | 1.00     |
| Saws and axes,                | 3.00     |
| 1 feed cutter,                | 5.00     |
| 1 Cooley creamer and 15 cans, | 25.00    |
| 1 grind stone,                | 2.00     |
| 1 paris green blower,         | 1.50     |
| Measure and pails,            | 1.50     |
| 1 lawn mower,                 | 1.00     |
| 1 stone boat,                 | 2.00     |
| Plank,                        | 6.00     |
| Boards,                       | 2.00     |
| 6½ M. chestnut shingle,       | 20.00    |
| 2 pair of ice tongs,          | 1.00     |

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 65 tons of ice,                | \$ 65.00          |
| 1 fanning mill,                | 2.00              |
| 1 corn planter,                | 5.00              |
| 2 ladders,                     | 3.50              |
| Lanterns, brooms, and barrels, | 10.00             |
| 3 barrels of ashes,            | 1.50              |
| Blankets, robes, and whips,    | 15.00             |
| Cow No. 1,                     | 40.00             |
| Cow No. 2,                     | 35.00             |
| Cow No. 3,                     | 45.00             |
| Cow No. 4,                     | 40.00             |
| Cow No. 5,                     | 52.50             |
| Cow No. 6,                     | 70.00             |
| Cow No. 7,                     | 60.00             |
| Cow No. 8,                     | 60.00             |
| Cow No. 9,                     | 45.00             |
| Cow No. 10,                    | 65.00             |
| Cow No. 11,                    | 48.00             |
| Cow No. 12,                    | 67.50             |
| Cow No. 13,                    | 45.00             |
| Cow No. 14,                    | 45.00             |
| 2 yearlings,                   | 20.00             |
| 1 bull,                        | 45.00             |
| 5 swine,                       | 55.00             |
| 5 horses,                      | 675.00            |
| 24 tons of No.1 hay,           | 384.00            |
| 3 tons of meadow hay,          | 30.00             |
| 5 tons of mowed oats,          | 75.00             |
| 1 ton of corn fodder,          | 8.00              |
|                                | <hr/> \$ 3,651.05 |

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|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------------|
| GUY C. ALLEN, JR., | } | <i>Appraisers<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| A. L. PRATT,       |   |                                           |
| F. B. ALDEN,       |   |                                           |



## WARDEN'S REPORT TO THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

*Town Farm Income from Feb. 1, 1910 to Feb. 1, 1911.*

|                                    |          |             |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Feb. 1, 1910, Cash on hand,        | \$ 22.18 |             |
| Rec'd from A. F. Larose, for milk, | 1,254.21 |             |
| for carrying milk,                 | 10.11    |             |
| eggs,                              | 93.08    |             |
| apples,                            | 55.50    |             |
| potatoes,                          | 17.25    |             |
| turnips and squashes,              | 5.49     |             |
| 1 bull,                            | 50.00    |             |
| 1 cow,                             | 35.00    |             |
| 2 hogs,                            | 58.37    |             |
| stock service,                     | 7.50     |             |
| for care of heifer,                | 3.00     |             |
| team work,                         | 18.50    |             |
| guineas,                           | .75      |             |
| care and board, C. L. Holland,     | 26.75    |             |
| driving hearse in town,            | 64.00    |             |
| driving hearse out of town,        | 2.00     |             |
| wood,                              | 59.11    |             |
| lumber,                            | 13.50    |             |
| telephone,                         | 1.30     |             |
| ice,                               | 11.42    |             |
| calves,                            | 44.50    |             |
|                                    |          | \$ 1,853.52 |

*Town Farm Expenditures from Feb. 1, 1910, to Feb. 1, 1911.*

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Paid for barber,    | \$ 13.10 |
| washing,            | 65.00    |
| labor at town farm, | 66.25    |
| newspaper,          | 5.20     |
| seed potatoes,      | 2.40     |
| seed corn,          | 1.65     |
| grinding grist,     | 2.30     |

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Paid for crow repellent,       | \$ 1.00           |
| nursery stock,                 | 4.00              |
| tomato plants,                 | .68               |
| 3 pair curtains,               | 4.00              |
| fruit for canning,             | 2.25              |
| paid for hogs,                 | 64.00             |
| horse bit,                     | .50               |
| shoeing horses,                | 1.50              |
| plow bolts,                    | .45               |
| check hook,                    | .25               |
| plumbing,                      | .25               |
| clothing for J. Mansfield,     | 8.00              |
| coat for T. Farriter,          | 6.00              |
| 1 cow,                         | 54.00             |
| quinces,                       | .50               |
| padlock,                       | 1.75              |
| apple barrels,                 | 6.25              |
| cattle show money for inmates, | 1.00              |
| rye,                           | 2.00              |
| whips,                         | 1.00              |
| saw filing,                    | .35               |
| making cider,                  | 2.92              |
| feed for man and team,         | .85               |
| stock service,                 | 1.00              |
| cutting ice,                   | 12.42             |
| Paid the treasurer,            | 1,511.70          |
| Cash in hands of warden,       | 9.00              |
|                                | <hr/> \$ 1,853.52 |

GEORGE E. HUNT, *Warden.*

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#### EXPENSES AT ALMSHOUSE.

##### PAUPER IN ACCOUNT.

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Geo. E. Hunt, services as warden, | \$ 399.96 |
| D. F. Austin, repairs,            | 4.25      |



|                                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| H. A. Hopkins, supplies,               | \$ 30.26          |
| A. Bridgman, supplies,                 | 72.67             |
| J. W. Jackson, supplies,               | 85.09             |
| E. A. Fuller & Co., supplies,          | 181.30            |
| E. A. Fuller & Co., grain,             | 604.29            |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies,                 | 168.33            |
| D. L. Hazen, horse rake,               | 19.00             |
| N. W. Farrar, supplies,                | 13.15             |
| F. B. Purdy, tobacco,                  | 9.15              |
| F. W. Allen, supplies,                 | 4.76              |
| F. W. Fellows, labor and supplies,     | 15.61             |
| H. C. Dodge, blacksmithing,            | 1.20              |
| E. F. Flaherty,        “               | 29.91             |
| A. E. Dodge,           “               | 7.35              |
| J. A. Peeso, fertilizer,               | 23.25             |
| A. B. Howard & Son, fertilizer,        | 24.00             |
| Clifton Hamilton, labor,               | 104.20            |
| Guernsey Clough,     “                 | 34.80             |
| Harry Nelson,         “                | 18.00             |
| Dwight Jepson,        “                | 4.50              |
| Dr. J. L. Collard, medical attendance, | 38.25             |
| Dr. L. F. Lake,         “         “    | 3.00              |
| Dr. F. F. Dexter,     “         “      | .50               |
| Dr. W. B. Segur, surgical operation,   | 15.00             |
| Geo. E. Hunt, manure spreader,         | 59.00             |
| Fred Mecure, labor,                    | 43.80             |
| Pratt Bros., sawing shingles,          | 12.25             |
| “       “       “     wood,            | 8.00              |
| R. M. Guilford, balance due on horses, | 225.00            |
| A. M. Baggs, bull,                     | 40.00             |
| Gideon Chenier, cow,                   | 26.00             |
| E. R. Peeso, expenses to Tewksbury,    | 12.40             |
| A. C. Smith, expenses to Springfield,  | 1.90              |
|                                        | ————— \$ 2,340.13 |

## INCOME FROM TOWN FARM.

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid the treasurer by the warden,       | \$ 1,511.70     |
| Driving hearse in town,                 | 64.00           |
| Cash in hands of warden,                | 9.00            |
|                                         | <hr/>           |
|                                         | \$ 1,584.70     |
| Actual expense,                         | \$ 755.43       |
| Average number of inmates for the year, | 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

## PAUPERS OUTSIDE OF ALMSHOUSE.

|                                                   |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| City of Springfield, care of town pauper,         | \$ 108.28 |
| “ “ Boston, “ “ “ “                               | 17.14     |
| “ “ Worcester, “ “ “ “                            | 17.29     |
| Town of Avon, “ “ “ “                             | 84.94     |
| Mercy Hospital, Springfield, care of sick pauper, | 27.00     |
| Mass. General Hospital, “ “ “ “                   | 4.50      |
| Mrs. G. B. Demarest, “ “ “ “                      | 25.50     |
| Thos. Lyndes, “ “ “ “                             | 3.00      |
| Geo. A. Harvey, “ “ “ “                           | 1.50      |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, medical aid to “ “               | 8.00      |
| Dr. H. A. Smith, “ “ “ “ “                        | 1.00      |
| Dr. C. B. King, “ “ “ “ “                         | 36.70     |
| E. A. Fuller & Co., supplies to sick pauper,      | 1.29      |
| N. W. Farrar, medical supplies to sick pauper,    | 1.05      |
| M. F. Sullivan, two burials of state charges,     | 30.00     |
| One burial of town charge,                        | 15.00     |
| Partial support of two individual town charges,   | 86.25     |
| “ “ of one family, state charge,                  | 37.00     |
|                                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | \$ 505.94 |
| Reimbursed by town of Ware,                       | \$ 10.00  |
| “ “ city of Somerville,                           | 12.50     |
| “ “ “ Springfield,                                | 10.00     |
| “ “ state for burial of pauper,                   | 10.00     |
|                                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | \$ 42.50  |
|                                                   | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | \$ 463.44 |



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|------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| To be reimbursed by state for 3 burials, | \$ 45.00    |           |
| “ “ “ “ care of state charges,           | 64.00       | \$ 109.00 |
|                                          |             | <hr/>     |
| Total expense,                           |             | \$ 354.44 |
| Total expense of paupers,                | \$ 1,109.87 |           |
| Appropriation for paupers,               | 1,000.00    |           |
| Excess of appropriation,                 |             | \$ 109.87 |

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|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| E. R. PEESO,   | } | <i>Overseers<br/>of<br/>Poor.</i> |
| E. E. SARGENT, |   |                                   |
| A. C. SMITH,   |   |                                   |

# Town Account.

## REPORT OF LIGHTING THE STREETS.

### *Expenditures for the year.*

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                          | \$ 350.00 |
| Paid Wm. Shaw, care of street lights,   | \$ 8.00   |
| H. E. Atwood, " " " "                   | 52.80     |
| Lewis Dodge, " " " "                    | 88.00     |
| N. W. Farrar, oil for " "               | 12.01     |
| F. W. Fellows, " " " "                  | 19.82     |
| F. W. Allen, " " " "                    | 9.36      |
| W. L. Lauree, " " " "                   | 1.85      |
| J. W. Jackson, " " " "                  | .70       |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies " "               | 50.90     |
| B. L. Thrasher, repairs,                | .65       |
| A. E. Dodge, lamp post,                 | 1.50      |
|                                         | <hr/>     |
|                                         | \$ 245.59 |
| Central Mass. Electric Lighting Co.,    | 140.04    |
|                                         | <hr/>     |
|                                         | \$ 385.63 |
| Unexpended balance, 1909 appropriation, | \$ 46.28  |
|                                         | <hr/>     |
|                                         | \$ 396.28 |
|                                         | <hr/>     |
| Unexpended balance,                     | \$ 10.65  |



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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid J. A. Peeso, fighting forest fires, blanks, and posting notices,                 | \$ 90.62 |
| D. K. Shumway, burial of Lucy Tewell,                                                 | 37.00    |
| D. F. Austin, labor and material on High School pump,                                 | 1.40     |
| Emerson laboratory, examination 3 diphtheria cases,                                   | 6.50     |
| W. E. Bridgman, insurance on town house,                                              | 9.00     |
| N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service at town farm,                                          | 17.11    |
| L. H. Blackmer, printing town reports, ballots, order book etc.,                      | 100.22   |
| N. W. Farrar, fumigating candles and supplies,                                        | 3.50     |
| Geo. B. Jackson, care of clock and ringing bell,                                      | 48.00    |
| Ben Billings, sawing wood at town house,                                              | 1.50     |
| J. R. Gould, inspection of cattle and barns for 1909,                                 | 20.00    |
| Fred E. Burnett, injury to horse on highway 1907,                                     | 50.00    |
| Guy C. Allen Jr., assessor's supplies, and express,                                   | 4.15     |
| T. D. Murphy, dog blanks and posters,                                                 | 3.25     |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., overseers of poor blanks, liquor blanks etc.,                     | 8.78     |
| Eugene Aldrich, damage to wagon on highway,                                           | 2.00     |
| D. F. Austin, labor and material on pumps,                                            | 39.45    |
| Smith & Hubbell, fire warden wagon,                                                   | 71.25    |
| A. Bridgman, hose and broom for fire warden,                                          | 1.45     |
| D. D. Hazen, recording deed, Dillon school house lot and service as Justice of Peace, | 1.65     |
| D. D. Hazen, treasurers' bond,                                                        | 20.00    |
| H. R. Gould, inspecting meat,                                                         | 93.20    |
| J. R. Gould, inspection cattle and barns for 1910,                                    | 100.00   |
| A. Bridgman, packing and express on sealers' weights,                                 | 1.20     |
| M. A. Shaw, packing and express on sealers' weights,                                  | 3.10     |
| Knight & Thomas, 7 chemical extinguishers,                                            | 84.00    |
| E. E. Gay, drawing wagon from Springfield,                                            | 1.00     |
| J. A. Peeso, trimming trees on park and roads, paint etc.,                            | 82.09    |
| E. J. Griggs Post G. A. R., memorial day exercises,                                   | 50.00    |
| Boston Nickel Plating Co., sealer of weights & measures,                              | 7.35     |
| R. E. Chamberlain, care of lamps at engine house,                                     | 5.00     |
| G. D. Blackmer, work on town house grounds,                                           | 1.07     |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid F. D. Walker, appropriation for July 4,                        | \$ 100.00 |
| F. E. Marsh, dry measure gauge,                                     | 2.00      |
| G. H. B. Green, services as moderator,                              | 5.00      |
| W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer of weights and<br>measures,  | 12.76     |
| Con. Riley, cleaning town house,                                    | .60       |
| Geo. E. Claflin, cleaning center and center school wells,           | 8.00      |
| G. H. B. Green, tax collector's bond,                               | 20.00     |
| E. R. Peeso, center schoolhouse lot,                                | 200.00    |
| Springfield Union, advertising grade crossing case,                 | 2.78      |
| W. J. Reilley, services on grade crossing case,                     | 50.00     |
| W. J. Reilley, services and other expenses, grade crossing<br>case, | 200.00    |
| Guy C. Allen, services as auditor,                                  | 15.00     |
| E. F. Flaherty, pole for chemical wagon,                            | 12.00     |
| D. F. Shumway, postage and stationery for tax collector,            | 15.00     |
| Mass. Agri. Experiment Station, analysis of water,                  | 3.00      |
| Dr. L. A. Smith, return of 11 births,                               | 2.75      |
| W. D. Spear, counting teams on grade crossing case,                 | 6.40      |
| P. J. Nelligan, laying tar walk in South Belchertown,               | 34.53     |
| T. D. Potter, tiles for sewer at " "                                | 45.79     |
| D. F. Austin, labor on foot bridge at Bondsville,                   | 1.50      |
| Winslow Piper, mowing park,                                         | 6.00      |
| S. A. Hodgkins, labor in town house,                                | 3.00      |
| Springfield Republican, advertising grade crossing case,            | 2.00      |
| E. F. Flaherty, services as election officer,                       | 4.50      |
| M. G. Ward, " " " "                                                 | 4.50      |
| S. B. Signor, " " " "                                               | 1.50      |
| E. Stebbins, " " " "                                                | 3.00      |
| A. Sears, " " " "                                                   | 3.00      |
| M. E. Williams, " " " "                                             | 6.00      |
| F. E. Austin, " " " "                                               | 3.00      |
| M. P. Bowler, " " " "                                               | 4.50      |
| H. F. Shaw, " " " "                                                 | 3.00      |
| E. B. Lane, " " " "                                                 | 1.50      |
| A. H. Hubbard, " " " "                                              | 1.50      |



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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paid E. A. Randall, services as election officer,              | \$ 3.00     |
| H. Aldrich, " " " "                                            | 1.50        |
| Nelson Randall, services as selectman 1909,                    | 11.25       |
| D. K. Shumway, services as registrar,                          | 12.00       |
| H. H. Ward, " " " 1909,                                        | 11.00       |
| H. H. Ward, " " " 1910,                                        | 12.50       |
| F. F. Dewey, " " " "                                           | 12.50       |
| A. Bridgman, " " " "                                           | 12.50       |
| E. C. Howard, " " tree warden, 1909,                           | 12.70       |
| E. E. Sargent, " " selectman 1909,                             | 16.00       |
| E. E. Sargent, " " " 1910,                                     | 100.00      |
| E. R. Peeso, " " " "                                           | 100.00      |
| A. C. Smith, " " " "                                           | 77.00       |
| Guy C. Allen Jr., " " assessor "                               | 128.00      |
| F. B. Alden, " " " "                                           | 100.00      |
| A. L. Pratt, " " " "                                           | 122.75      |
| D. F. Shumway, tax collector for 1909,                         | 50.00       |
| D. F. Shumway, " " " 1910,                                     | 50.00       |
| A. Bridgman, town clerk,                                       | 50.00       |
| Dr. H. A. Smith, returning 5 births,                           | 1.25        |
| J. A. Peeso, engine, oil and repairs,                          | 20.50       |
| M. F. Sullivan, returning 21 deaths,                           | 5.25        |
| R. G. Shaw, " 18 "                                             | 4.50        |
| D. L. Hazen, supplies for engine house,                        | 15.17       |
| Henry M. Capper, watching fire at O. B. Davis' barn,           | 3.00        |
| D. F. Shumway, abatement taxes for 1909,                       | 40.68       |
| M. S. Barton, services as constable, 1910,                     | 13.50       |
| W. J. Reilley, services on hearing Tax Commission Case,        | 35.00       |
| Clapp Memorial Library, dog tax,                               | 315.43      |
| Dr. C. H. Giroux, returning 4 births,                          | 1.00        |
| Board of assessors, taking inventory at Town Farm,             | 6.00        |
| A. Bridgman, registrars' room, S. Belchertown, car fares etc., | 25.66       |
| A. Bridgman, recording marriages, births and deaths,           | 31.90       |
| A. C. Smith, services as meat inspector,                       | 11.75       |
| A. L. Pratt, expenses Palmer and Belchertown tax case,         | 10.46       |
|                                                                | <hr/>       |
|                                                                | \$ 3,172.70 |

|                                                                                     |              |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Of this amount there is due the town,                                               |              |             |
| For inspecting barns,                                                               | \$ 60.00     |             |
| For the burial of soldier,                                                          | 37.00        |             |
| Paid dog fund to the library,                                                       | 315.43       |             |
| Gave orders for the abatement of taxes,                                             | 40.68        |             |
| Due from B. & M. and C. V. R. R. for fighting<br>forest fires,                      | 11.25        |             |
| Due from the state and C. V. R. R. for expenses<br>incurred in grade crossing case, | 270.00       |             |
|                                                                                     | <hr/>        | \$ 734.36   |
| Actual town expenses,                                                               |              | \$ 2,438.34 |
| Appropriation for town,                                                             | \$ 2500.00   |             |
| "    "    July 4 th.,                                                               | 100.00       |             |
| "    "    Memorial Day,                                                             | 50.00        |             |
| "    "    Fred Burnett to damage to horse<br>on highway,                            | 50.00        |             |
| Appropriation for L. W. Dillon lot for high school<br>grounds,                      | 200.00       |             |
|                                                                                     | <hr/>        | \$ 2,900.00 |
| Unexpended balance,                                                                 |              | \$ 461.66   |
| We have issued during the year 559 town orders,                                     | \$ 20,894.51 |             |
| Of this amount we have drawn orders approved<br>by the school committee,            |              | \$ 8,682.68 |

## RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

|                                                      |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash in hands of the treasurer,                      | \$ 2,585.95 |
| Due from the collector, 1910 taxes,                  | 3,789.27    |
| "    "    state for burial of soldier,               | 37.00       |
| "    "    state and military aid,                    | 2,092.00    |
| "    "    "    aid 3 mos. last year,                 | 535.00      |
| "    "    "    military aid 3 mos. last year,        | 18.00       |
| "    "    "    state inspection of cattle and barns, | 60.00       |
| "    "    "    burial of three state charges,        | 45.00       |
| "    "    "    care of state charges,                | 64.00       |
| "    "    "    and C. V. R. R. for expenses in-      |             |



|                                          |            |             |
|------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| curred in grade crossing case,           | 270.00     |             |
|                                          | <hr/>      | \$ 9,496.22 |
| Unexpended appropriation for side walks, | \$ 175. 00 |             |
| “ “ “ building for                       |            |             |
| housing road scraper,                    | 200.00     |             |

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Due Amherst Bank, | \$ 6000.00 |
|-------------------|------------|

## MILITARY AND STATE AID REPORT.

|                                                |             |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| We have paid to the old soldiers, their widows |             |             |
| and mothers, state aid to the amount of,       | \$ 1,948.00 |             |
| Military aid to the amount of,                 | 144.00      |             |
|                                                | <hr/>       | \$ 2,092.00 |
| Of this amount there is due from the state for |             |             |
| this years state aid,                          | \$ 1,948.00 |             |
| For three months last year still due,          | 535.00      |             |
| For one half the military aid this year,       | 72.00       |             |
| “ “ “ “ “ three months                         |             |             |
| last year,                                     | 18.00       |             |
| Total amount due from the state, for state     |             |             |
| and military aid to date,                      | <hr/>       | \$ 2,573.00 |

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|----------------|---|------------------------------------------|
| E. R. PEESO,   | } | <i>Selectmen<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| E. E. SARGENT, |   |                                          |
| A. C. SMITH,   |   |                                          |

## Cemetery Account.

|                                             |                   |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Bequest for perpetual care of lots in Mount |                   |             |
| Hope cemetery previous to 1910,             | \$ 3,563.81       |             |
| Received in 1910 from Mrs. Harriet Eaton,   | 192.76            |             |
| Total legacies to date, Feb. 1, 1911,       | <u>          </u> | \$ 3,756.57 |
| Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1910,           | \$ 155.02         |             |
| Interest on fund in Amherst Bank,           | 139.52            |             |
| Appropriation,                              | 50.00             |             |
|                                             | <u>          </u> | \$ 344.54   |

### TO A. H. HUBBARD, DR.

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Care of lots, mowing avenues, filling graves |           |
| and resetting stones in Mt. Hope cemetery,   | \$ 105.00 |
| D. P. Spencer, mowing South cemetery,        | 10.00     |
| F. A. Randolph, mowing Blue Meadow cemetery, | 1.00      |

### TO H. S. PRATT, DR.

|                                             |         |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Wm. Lowell, mowing Lake Vale cemetery, | \$ 5.00 |
| Paid Frank Wilson, " Union "                | 3.00    |

### TO E. S. LANE, DR.

|                                            |                   |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Painting fence,                            | \$ 4.00           |           |
| Mowing Holyoke, Liberty and Tylerville     |                   |           |
| cemeteries,                                | 13.00             |           |
| Fence from Kokomo Fence Co.                | 43.60             |           |
| Erecting same at Liberty cemetery,         | 8.72              |           |
| A. K. Paine's bill for removing old fence, |                   |           |
| grading and drawing new fence,             | 7.00              |           |
|                                            | <u>          </u> | \$ 200.32 |

The Burial Ground Commissioners respectfully  
recommend an appropriation of \$ 50.00.

|                                     |                   |           |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance to Feb. 1, 1911, | <u>          </u> | \$ 144.22 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|

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|----------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
| H. S. PRATT,   | } | <i>Burial<br/>Ground<br/>Commissioners.</i> |
| E. S. LANE,    |   |                                             |
| A. H. HUBBARD, |   |                                             |



## Report on Funds.

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### MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUND.

|                                                                                                                      |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended Balance Feb. 1, 1910,                                                                                     | \$ 235.35 |           |
| To this amount there should be included the sum<br>of \$ 175.00, paid over in 1909 and was by<br>mistake overlooked. | \$ 175.00 |           |
| Rec'd April 1, 1910,                                                                                                 | 140.00    |           |
| Rec'd Oct. 1, 1910,                                                                                                  | 140.00    |           |
| Rec'd Jan. 1, 1911,                                                                                                  | 140.00    |           |
|                                                                                                                      | <hr/>     | \$ 830.35 |
| Apr. 1, 1910, paid Clapp Memorial Library,                                                                           | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Gave aid to 21 families,                                                                                             |           |           |
| Issued 55 orders to the amount of,                                                                                   | 363.40    |           |
|                                                                                                                      | <hr/>     | 413.40    |
| Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1911,                                                                                     |           | \$ 416.95 |

### WHITING STREET FUND.

|                                    |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance Feb. 1, 1910,   | \$ 283.53 |           |
| Rec'd Sept. 8, 1910,               | 280.00    |           |
|                                    | <hr/>     | \$ 563.53 |
| Gave aid to 14 families,           |           |           |
| Issued 39 orders to the amount of, |           | 236.57    |
|                                    |           | <hr/>     |
| Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, 1911,  |           | \$ 326.96 |

|                                                                                         |   |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|
| E. R. PEESO,<br>E. E. SARGENT,<br>A. C. SMITH,<br>MRS. M. A. MORSE,<br>MRS. M. G. WARD, | } | <i>Almoners.</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|

## Tree Warden's Report.

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I have received from the town the sum of \$ 82.08, which has been expended as follows :

### Trimming trees on Park.

|                    |         |          |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Paid W. M. Lowell, | \$ 3.50 |          |
| J. A. Peeso,       | 3.50    |          |
| A. J. Rowe,        | 3.50    |          |
| A. R. Ketchen,     | 2.00    |          |
| for paint,         | .50     |          |
|                    | ————    | \$ 13.00 |

### South Main, Maple, Walnut, North Main and Federal streets.

|                  |          |          |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid A. J. Rowe, | \$ 27.50 |          |
| W. M. Lowell,    | 18.00    |          |
| J. A. Peeso,     | 13.50    |          |
| J. A. Peeso,     | 8.75     |          |
| for paint,       | 1.33     |          |
|                  | ————     | \$ 69.08 |
|                  |          | ————     |
|                  |          | \$ 82.08 |

I would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be raised for the care of shade trees in and near the village.

J. A. PEESO, *Tree Warden.*



## Forest Fire Warden's Report.

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|                                            |          |           |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                             |          | \$ 150.00 |
| Paid for fire wagon,                       | \$ 71.25 |           |
| E. E. Gay, drawing wagon from Springfield, | 1.00     |           |
| 6 fire extinguishers,                      | 72.00    |           |
|                                            | <hr/>    | \$ 144.25 |
|                                            |          | <hr/>     |
|                                            |          | \$ 5.75   |
| We have fought 9 forest fires,             |          |           |
| to the expense of,                         | \$ 16.25 |           |
| Books, letter heads and posting notices,   | 6.25     |           |
|                                            | <hr/>    |           |
| Total expense,                             | \$ 22.50 |           |
| There is still due from B. & M. and        |          |           |
| C. V. R. R.,                               | 11.25    |           |
|                                            | <hr/>    |           |
|                                            | 11.25    |           |
| Unexpended balance of appropriation,       | 5.75     |           |
|                                            | <hr/>    |           |
| Total expense over appropriation,          |          | \$ 5.50   |

J. A. PEESO, *Forest Fire Warden.*

# Report of Town Clerk.

*For the year ending Dec. 31, 1910.*

## STATISTICS OF

### BIRTHS.

|             |   |               |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,    | 4 | April,        | 2 | July,      | 4 | October,  | 1 |
| February,   | 4 | May,          | 2 | August,    | 4 | November, | 3 |
| March,      | 3 | June,         | 4 | Sept,      | 2 | December, | 4 |
| Males, 18 ; |   | Females, 19 ; |   | Total, 37. |   |           |   |

### MARRIAGES.

|                                |             |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of intentions recorded, |             | 15          |
| “                              | marriages   | “ 15        |
| First marriage,                | Males, 15 ; | Females, 13 |
| Second “                       | “ 0 ;       | “ 2         |
| Youngest male married,         | 21          | female, 19  |
| Oldest “                       | “ 49        | “ 43        |

### DEATHS.

|                   |   |                   |   |            |   |           |   |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|
| January,          | 5 | April,            | 3 | July,      | 7 | October,  | 7 |
| February,         | 7 | May,              | 1 | August,    | 4 | November, | 5 |
| March,            | 5 | June,             | 3 | September, | 1 | December, | 4 |
| Males, 27 ;       |   | Females, 25.      |   |            |   |           |   |
| Native born, 41 ; |   | Foreign born, 11. |   |            |   |           |   |

Number of town meetings, 1

Mortgages and Bill of Sale recorded for year, 20



## DOG LICENSE.

|             |             |           |           |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Males, 196, | at \$ 2.00, | \$ 392.00 |           |
| Females, 10 | “ 5.00,     | 50.00     |           |
|             |             | <hr/>     | \$ 442.00 |

Paid the above amount ( less fees ) to county treasurer.

## RETURN OF BIRTHS.

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Dr. L. A. Smith,         | 11 |
| “ F. F. Dexter,          | 2  |
| “ C. H. Giroux,          | 5  |
| “ Sterling Barrows,      | 2  |
| “ H. A. Smith,           | 4  |
| “ Geo. W. Rawson,        | 1  |
| “ W. B. Segur,           | 1  |
| “ James L. Collard,      | 7  |
| “ W. E. Phillips,        | 1  |
| “ L. F. Lake,            | 1  |
| “ H. C. Cheney,          | 1  |
| D. Fairbank, Town Clerk, | 1  |

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

## Report of Committee on Appropriations.

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|                                                                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| For highways and bridges, general repairs,                                       | \$ 3,500.00       |
| Town account,                                                                    | 2,500.00          |
| Street lighting,                                                                 | 390.00            |
| Pauper account,                                                                  | 900.00            |
| Cemetery account,                                                                | 50.00             |
| G. A. R., for memorial day,                                                      | 50.00             |
| To pay discount on notes,                                                        | 400.00            |
| To pay bills that have been drawn in excess of appropriations in years previous, | 600.00            |
|                                                                                  | <hr/> \$ 8,390.00 |

We recommend that the town give a discount of one per cent on taxes paid on or before Sept. 1st., and that they charge interest at the rate of 6 per cent on taxes not paid by Nov. 1st. Taxes paid between Sept. 1st. and Nov. 1st. to be settled at face value. All taxes must be paid on or before Jan. 15th.

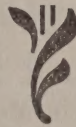
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|------------------|---|---------------------------------------------|
| M. A. MORSE,     | } | <i>Committee<br/>on<br/>Appropriations.</i> |
| R. E. FAIRCHILD, |   |                                             |
| D. D. HAZEN,     |   |                                             |



# Annual Report

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



### Organization, March, 1910 -- March, 1911.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| MERRICK A. MORSE, Chairman, | Term Expires, March, 1912. |
| ROSWELL ALLEN, Secretary,   | Term Expires, March, 1913. |
| R. E. FAIRCHILD,            | Term Expires, March, 1911. |

### Superintendent of Schools,

|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| ALVAN R. LEWIS, | Term Expires, Sept. 1, 1911. |
|-----------------|------------------------------|

### Truant Officer,

D. F. SHUMWAY.

# School Calendar.

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## HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring Term will begin Monday, March 27, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, June 23, 1911.  
Fall Term will begin Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, Dec. 22, 1911.  
Winter Term will begin Monday, Jan. 1, 1912.  
“ “ “ close Friday, Mar. 22, 1912.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

Spring Term will begin Monday, Apr. 3, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, June 16, 1911.  
Fall Term will begin Monday, Sept. 11, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, Nov. 24, 1911.  
Winter Term will begin Monday, Dec. 4, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, Mar. 15, 1912.

## GRADE SCHOOLS.

Spring Term will begin Monday, Apr. 3, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, June 16, 1911.  
Fall Term will begin Monday, Sept. 11, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, Nov. 24, 1911.  
Winter Term will begin Monday, Dec. 4, 1911.  
“ “ “ close Friday, Feb. 16, 1912.

In all schools, Christmas recess from Dec. 22, 1911,  
to Jan. 1, 1912.



## Teachers and Wages.

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Feb. 1, 1911.

|                 |                           |                    |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| High School,    | John V. Jewett, Prin.     | \$ 1,100.00        |
| High School,    | Helen J. Goodspeed, Asst. | 565.00             |
| Center Gram.,   | Mary C. Silva,            | \$ 12.50 per week. |
| Center Int.,    | S. Belle Snow,            | 10.00 per week.    |
| Center Prim.,   | Katherine Sampson,        | 11.00 per week.    |
| Cold Spring,    | Bridget Fitzgerald,       | 8.00 per week.     |
| Franklin Gram., | Nellie G. Shea,           | 9.00 per week.     |
| Franklin Prim., | Nellie L. Sullivan,       | 9.50 per week.     |
| Liberty,        | Agnes Dillon,             | 9.50 per week.     |
| Washington,     | Edith L. Towne,           | 8.00 per week.     |
| Chestnut Hill,  | May F. Carmody,           | 8.50 per week.     |
| Federal,        | Margaret Culley,          | 9.00 per week.     |
| Lake Vale,      | Libbie C. Gutberlett,     | 7.50 per week.     |
| Union,          | I. Louise Brown,          | 9.25 per week.     |
| West Hill,      | Roland Shaw,              | 7.00 per week.     |
| Blue Meadow,    | Florence Gould,           | 6.00 per week.     |

# Report of Superintendent of Schools.

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*To the School Committee of Belchertown,*

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor of submitting for your consideration my third annual report which is the seventh annual report of the superintendent of schools.

## ATTENDANCE.

Although the work of the schools has been interrupted, especially in the lower grades, on account of measles and chicken-pox, the attendance has been fair. Apparently there has been a large number of unnecessary cases of tardiness on the part of a few pupils. The school officials and the teachers are united in an effort to help the pupils to form the habit of punctuality. This habit should be formed by every boy and girl who desires to succeed in life.

## CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

There have been fewer changes in teachers during the year than usual. Four of our teachers have had offers of very desirable positions elsewhere, but were induced to remain with us through an increase in salary. It is evident that if we are to have good teachers in our schools we must pay salaries that will retain them. Belchertown cannot afford to furnish training schools for neighboring towns to draw upon for their teachers.



There has been a marked increase in the salary of teachers during the yast few years.

Mr. Ventura, principal of the grammar school, resigned just before the opening of schools in September to accept a similar position in New Hampshire at an increase in salary. Miss Mary C. Silva, a graduate of the Hyannis Normal School and a teacher of some experience, was elected to fill the vacancy. At the close of the spring term Mr. Victor Blackmer, teacher in the Holyoke school, resigned to enter the Fitchburg Normal School, and Miss Effie Witt in the Laurel school resigned to enter the Westfield normal school. Kathryn Moriarty resigned as teacher in the West Hill school, at the close of the fall term and Mr. Roland Shaw, a graduate of our high school, class of 1908, was elected to fill the vacancy.

#### CLOSING OF RURAL SCHOOLS.

On account of the small number of pupils, and, in one case, on account of the impossibility of finding a boarding place for the teacher, it was thought best to close some of the rural schools. The pupils of the Holyoke school at the opening of the schools in the fall were conveyed to the center. At the beginning of the spring term, the pupils at Lake Vale were conveyed to Federal and Mrs. Gutberlett, the teacher at Lake Vale was transferred to Federal, but at the opening of the schools in September was placed in charge of Laurel, and Miss Margaret Culley, a graduate of the Fitchburg Normal School was elected teacher of Federal. During the winter, the number of pupils residing in the Laurel district had diminished to two and the number of pupils in Lake Vale had increased to fifteen. Laurel school was closed and the pupils with those at East Hill were conveyed to the center. Lake Vale was reopened and Mrs. Gutberlett was transferred to Lake Vale.

#### REPAIRS.

Much of the underpinning of the high school building has been replaced. The buildings at Laurel, Liberty and Franklin have been painted and the walls of the grammar room at Frank-



lin have been tinted. Minor repairs have been made on all the school buildings.

The high school building needs painting and the building at Lake Vale will need a few repairs.

### INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The land purchased by the town in the spring has furnished ample room for a playground and a plot for school gardening. The pupils of the grammar school under the direction of Mr. Ventura cleared the plot from stones, prepared the soil, and raised a variety of vegetables and flowers. The high school boys have begun clearing and grading the grounds. The work will be continued in the spring when the grounds will be made more attractive. The girls in the high school have been given lessons in sewing by Miss Goodspeed.

A large number of boys from all the schools joined the Potato Club organized by Prof. Hart, of the Mass. Agricultural College. They were enthusiastic in the work and showed considerable skill in raising good potatoes. The rural schools have cultivated gardens either on the school grounds or at their homes, and the exhibit of flowers and vegetables that was made at the fair in October was evidence that they were successful. The exhibit of the Franklin school deserves special mention.

### PROGRESS.

Much has been done to increase the efficiency of our schools. The high school year has been increased from thirty-six to forty weeks, and that of the grammar schools from thirty-two to thirty-six weeks; the wages of many of the teachers have been increased. Music and drawing have been introduced into the center schools under the direction of Mrs. Lucy A. Gatchell, a teacher of special training. Although the work has been necessarily elementary, good progress has been made. We are planning to give an exhibition of school work in the spring, including music and drawing.

In preparing our pupils for citizenship which is the function of the school, we do not lose sight of the fact that reading,



writing, spelling, arithmetic, ability to express clearly in good English, and moral training are fundamental.

#### NEEDS.

There are seventy-two pupils in our high school and only two teachers. The recitation periods are necessarily very short, too short to teach and conduct a recitation with the best results. We are obliged to eliminate many practical subjects that should be taught in every high school. A course should be provided for those pupils who will finish their school work at the end of the high school course. The sciences should be given greater prominence, and a business course should be provided. These can only be done by providing an additional teacher.

It is our desire to make our schools as practical as possible, and we hope that the citizens will be interested, as they always have been, in giving our boys and girls a good practical education.

I call your attention to the report of the principal of the high school and to that of the teacher of music.

In closing I thank you for your hearty support and co-operation, and the citizens for their courtesy and good will.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVAN R. LEWIS.

Feb. 1, 1911.

## Report of High School Principal.

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*To the Superintendent of Schools.*

Dear Sir:

I am glad of this opportunity for submitting a brief report of the progress made by the Belchertown High School under your supervision. Throughout each course, which I have had the pleasure of teaching, my purpose has been two fold; first, to fix firmly fundamental facts; second, general training of the individual pupil in traits of character necessary for the efficient life.

The crowded condition of the school has made necessary short recitation periods. Laboring under this disadvantage I have aimed at thoroughness rather than attempting to cover large areas of study imperfectly. To place the school upon equal footing with others of like size, now is the time to increase the available room and also the teaching force.

The action of the school board toward making practical the knowledge offered high school pupils, the majority of whom leave high school for life work, has pleased me a great deal. Good results are being obtained both from the daily spelling and from the Friday afternoon grammar drills, spelling matches, declamations and debates. The addition of music under Mrs. Gatchel's supervision has had very successful results.

Department of high school pupils is constantly improving. I am proud to say that this school is composed of young men



and women who have always been ready and willing to respond to the best interests of the school. The discipline in the grades under my supervision has been good. I am fully convinced that the "strap" is not the cause of *good* behavior. The boys and girls have respected my wishes and there has been no cause demanding severe punishment. I feel that the existing conditions would not be possible without the co-operation of the grade teachers. I desire to thank them in this report for their willing co-operation with me.

To return to the high school. Each class is well organized under constitution and by-laws. Class meetings are held in business like manner. Mass meetings are called to discuss questions pertaining to school life. Our athletic association has competently handled questions pertaining to those branches of athletics our environment offers. The "spirit of the school" has been steadily climbing up. All the things I have named above are silently at work nurturing a school spirit, establishing pure and strong social relations and cementing friendships of those "old school days".

In deep sorrow we bow to God's infinite wisdom since He saw fit to call to her eternal home Miss Agnes Thayer. A faithful student of excellent deportment, she has left her school-mates the record of a life faithfully and loyally lived. Those whom we mourn as dead have gained eternal life.

"There is no Death! What seems so is transition;  
This life of mortal breath  
Is but a suburb of the life elysian  
Whose portal we call Death."

In submitting this report I am pleased to extend my appreciation for the many helps and firm support of the Superintendent and School Board.

Respectfully,

JOHN V. JEWETT, *Principal.*

Belchertown, Feb. 14, 1911.

## Report of Teacher of Music.

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*To the Superintendent of Schools of Belchertown :*

I present herewith a report of the music work in the center schools.

The course in music aims ;

First, to enable each child to sing at sight and with good expression any song of suitable difficulty for the grade.

Second, to develop an appreciation and love for the best in music.

The individual recitation which is required of each pupil two or three times each week is a great help in gaining our first aim. Each child sings alone and unaided an eight measure exercise, thus enabling the teacher to detect deficiencies and apply the needed remedy.

To gain the second result many songs of the best writers are taught the primary pupils, the intermediate grades are already reading at sight songs written in two parts, while the Grammar and High Schools are striving for four part harmony.

A new book, containing the best songs and choruses, has been in use in the High School.

I wish to express my appreciation of the conscientious work of the teachers and the enthusiastic co-operation of the Principal and Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. GATCHELL.



## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

BELCHERTOWN, FEB. 1, 1911.

*To the School Committee :*

I have received during the year, from the Supt. and teachers, 20 summons to attend to absentees from school. To all I have given prompt attention, and have seen that they have attended school.

D. F. SHUMWAY, *Truant Officer.*

# Belchertown High School

CLASS OF 1910

## COMMENCEMENT

1910

Class Motto, CHACUN POUR SOI

### Latin Course

JEAN WALKER FORREST  
GEORGE MACAULEY FORREST  
RITA MARGUERITE RANSON

### English Course

HAROLD MILO ALDEN  
ROY OLIVER BAGGS  
FRANCES LILY GOULD  
THOMAS LEGRAND

Class Colors, CRIMSON and WHITE

Wednesday Evening, June the twenty-second



# Program

Processional--Grand March

MISS S. BELLE SNOW

Invocation

REV. M. H. FISHBURN

Chorus--Morning Invitation

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Salutatory--Stanley's Africa, Then and Now

GEORGE MACAULEY FORREST

Class History

ROY OLIVER BAGGS

Vocal Solo--Little Boy Blue

MISS ETHEL ALDEN

*O' Neill*

Class Oration--Forestry, a Profession

THOMAS LEGRAND

Vocal Solo--In 1822

MISS ETHEL ALDEN

Class Prophecy

FRANCES LILY GOULD

Class Will and Testament

HAROLD MILO ALDEN

Valedictory--My Two Brothers

JEAN WALKER FORREST

Chorus-Venetian Boat Song

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Presentation of Diplomas

MERRICK A. MORSE

Chairman of School Board

*Joyce*

*Bach*

*D' Hardelot*

*Viazie*

## SCHOOL RESOURCES.

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance, Feb. 1, 1910,          | \$ 2,254.11       |
| Appropriation, Mar. 1, 1910,    | 5,000.00          |
| Received from Bridgman fund,    | 242.40            |
| “ “ State School fund,          | 1,088.41          |
| “ “ State Superintendency fund, | 900.00            |
| “ “ State wards' tuition,       | 414.50            |
| “ “ Lyman Industrial School,    | 15.00             |
| “ cash overdrawn, 1909,         | 1.10              |
|                                 | <hr/> \$ 9,915.52 |

## SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1909 bills paid,                    | \$ 32.64          |
| Teachers' wages from treasury,      | 5,447.47          |
| Teachers' wages from Bridgman fund, | 242.40            |
| School supervision,                 | 1,185.00          |
| Books and supplies,                 | 334.02            |
| Fuel,                               | 223.06            |
| Janitors,                           | 140.00            |
| Transportation,                     | 551.25            |
| Miscellaneous,                      | 91.90             |
|                                     | <hr/> \$ 8,247.74 |
| Unexpended balance,                 | <hr/> \$ 1,667.78 |

## TOWN ACCOUNT.

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Unexpended balance, Mar. 1, 1910, | \$ 368.83 |
| Paid bills contracted last year,  | \$ 12.17  |
| S. A. Hodgkins, center schools,   | 33.70     |
| E. C. Witt, “ “                   | 1.75      |
| D. Austin, Franklin “             | 8.25      |
| A. H. Cutting, Federal “          | 1.50      |
| W. S. Piper, Center “             | .50       |
| G. W. Coleman, Center “           | 58.89     |
| Homer A. Shaw,                    | 11.50     |
| T. D. Potter, Liberty “           | 15.57     |



|                                                                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Henry Baggs, Chestnut Hill school,                                                      | \$ 2.00   |
| M. W. Bardwell, Washington, "                                                           | 1.20      |
| B. L. Thrasher, Union "                                                                 | 2.01      |
| R. E. Mead, West Hill "                                                                 | 9.04      |
| D. L. Hazen,                                                                            | 59.46     |
| Pratt Bros.,                                                                            | 8.70      |
| W. L. Tenney, Federal school,                                                           | 1.25      |
| W. A. Dunbar, Franklin, Liberty, Washington,<br>Federal, Laurel, and West Hill schools, | 124.10    |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>     |
|                                                                                         | \$ 351.59 |
| Unexpended balance,                                                                     | 17.24     |
|                                                                                         | <hr/>     |
|                                                                                         | \$ 368.83 |

### SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

#### TEACHERS' WAGES.

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| John V. Jewett,              | \$ 1,075.83 |
| Helen J. Goodspeed,          | 548.04      |
| John J. Ventura,             | 137.50      |
| Mary C. Silva,               | 312.50      |
| S. Belle Snow,               | 320.00      |
| Katherine Sampson,           | 341.00      |
| B. C. Fitzgerald,            | 245.00      |
| Nellie L. Sullivan,          | 304.00      |
| Nellie G. Shea,              | 318.50      |
| Agnes Dillon,                | 304.00      |
| Edith Towne,                 | 256.00      |
| May Carmody,                 | 272.00      |
| Victor Blackmer,             | 82.50       |
| Margaret Culley,             | 160.20      |
| Myra L. Merriam, substitute, | 28.80       |
| I. Louise Brown,             | 296.00      |
| Effie Witt,                  | 66.00       |
| Kathryn Moriarty,            | 115.50      |
| Roland Shaw,                 | 77.00       |
| Libbie Gutberlett,           | 232.50      |

|                   |           |             |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Florence Gould,   | \$ 186.00 |             |
| Luey A. Gatchell, | 11.00     |             |
|                   | <hr/>     | \$ 5,689.87 |

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#### JANITORS.

|                                  |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| S. A. Hodgkins,                  | \$ 100.00 |           |
| A. R. Lewis, paid other schools, | 40.00     |           |
|                                  | <hr/>     | \$ 140.00 |

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#### TRANSPORTATION.

|                    |           |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| W. A. Kimball,     | \$ 196.75 |           |
| Herbert L. Tenney, | 120.00    |           |
| G. S. Warner,      | 77.00     |           |
| F. Burnett,        | 157.50    |           |
|                    | <hr/>     | \$ 551.25 |

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#### SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

|                   |             |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alvan R. Lewis,   | \$ 1,080.00 |             |
| M. A. Morse,      | 35.00       |             |
| Roswell Allen,    | 25.00       |             |
| R. E. Fairechild, | 25.00       |             |
| D. F. Shumway,    | 20.00       |             |
|                   | <hr/>       | \$ 1,185.00 |

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#### BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

|                         |           |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| E. E. Babb and Company, | \$ 301.19 |           |
| Nellie G. Shea,         | 3.00      |           |
| B. & M. R. R.,          | 1.92      |           |
| N. W. Farrar,           | 4.25      |           |
| J. V. Jewett,           | 2.60      |           |
| Ginn and Company,       | 20.29     |           |
| H. M. Weigle,           | .77       |           |
|                         | <hr/>     | \$ 334.02 |



## FUEL.

|                 |          |           |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| M. W. Bardwell, | \$ 11.00 |           |
| E. C. Witt,     | 95.00    |           |
| E. F. Flaherty, | 82.50    |           |
| R. S. Hastings, | 2.50     |           |
| E. R. Peeso,    | 11.25    |           |
| Pratt Bros.,    | 17.86    |           |
| C. W. Darling,  | 2.75     |           |
|                 | <hr/>    | \$ 223.06 |

## BILLS CONTRACTED 1909.

|                           |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| D. C. Heath, books,       | \$ 15.00 |          |
| Pratt Bros., wood,        | 15.00    |          |
| G. H. B. Green, supplies, | 2.64     |          |
|                           | <hr/>    | \$ 32.64 |

## TOWN ACCOUNT.

## BILLS CONTRACTED 1909.

|                 |         |          |
|-----------------|---------|----------|
| M. C. Bardwell, | \$ 2.00 |          |
| W. A. Choate,   | 8.00    |          |
| C. E. Davis,    | 2.17    |          |
|                 | <hr/>   | \$ 12.17 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

|                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| J. V. Jewett, tuning piano,               | \$ 2.00 |
| W. S. Piper, labor,                       | .50     |
| E. R. Blackmer, sanitary work,            | 1.00    |
| Lewis H. Blackmer, printing,              | 9.80    |
| Cong. Church, rent, two years,            | 10.00   |
| S. A. Hodgkins, cleaning,                 | 9.25    |
| Ellen Chatel,           “                 | 3.00    |
| W. M. Welch, diplomas,                    | 17.74   |
| Dr. G. F. Thomson Est., school physician, | 12.50   |
| Cora M. Sparks, cleaning,                 | 3.00    |
| Julia Schvert,           “                | 3.00    |
| Mrs. Philip Dodge,   “                    | 1.50    |

|                                     |         |          |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Clarence Lamson, sanitary work,     | \$ 3.50 |          |
| M. W. Thayer, cleaning stove pipe,  | 1.00    |          |
| H. A. Hopkins, ribbons etc.,        | .52     |          |
| Taylor's Music House, tuning piano, | 2.00    |          |
| D. L. Hazen, garden tools etc.,     | 8.59    |          |
| Guy Allen, use of well,             | 3.00    |          |
|                                     | <hr/>   | \$ 91.90 |

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#### MUSIC ACCOUNT.

|                                  |          |           |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Received from the Longley Fund,  |          | \$ 164.84 |
| Paid Lucy A. Gatchell, teaching, | \$ 55.00 |           |
| C. C. Berchard & Co., books,     | 24.00    |           |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., books,    | 4.35     |           |
| Balance, Feb. 1, 1911,           | 81.49    |           |
|                                  | <hr/>    | \$ 164.84 |

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#### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

For support of schools, – to include teachers' wages, transportation, cost of fuel, books, supplies and incidentals, salary of school committee, superintendent, truant officers and janitors, \$ 6,000.00

For painting center school building and general repairs, \$ 300.00

|                   |   |                                                 |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------|
| MERRICK A. MORSE, | } | <i>School Committee<br/>of<br/>Belchertown.</i> |
| ROSWELL ALLEN,    |   |                                                 |
| R. E. FAIRCHILD,  |   |                                                 |



## SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE,

For year ending June 30, 1910.

| SCHOOLS                      | Whole Number. | No. enrolled. | No. over 15. | No. between 5 and 15. | No. between 7 and 14. | Fall.       |             | Winter.     |             | Spring      |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |               |               |              |                       |                       | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. | Membership. | Attendance. |
| High. . . . .                | 46            | 46            | 28           | 18                    | 7                     | 46          | 42          | 41          | 40          | 41          | 39          |
| Center Grammar. . . . .      | 40            | 39            | 3            | 36                    | 27                    | 38          | 37          | 38          | 35          | 37          | 34          |
| Center Intermediate. . . . . | 14            | 14            | 0            | 14                    | 14                    | 15          | 14          | 14          | 14          | 14          | 13          |
| Center Primary . . . . .     | 36            | 32            | 0            | 32                    | 24                    | 32          | 30          | 33          | 38          | 35          | 32          |
| Cold Spring. . . . .         | 16            | 15            | 1            | 14                    | 11                    | 16          | 14          | 16          | 14          | 13          | 12          |
| Franklin Grammar . . . . .   | 22            | 20            | 0            | 20                    | 20                    | 22          | 21          | 21          | 20          | 21          | 20          |
| Franklin Primary . . . . .   | 37            | 36            | 0            | 36                    | 36                    | 37          | 35          | 35          | 33          | 33          | 32          |
| Liberty. . . . .             | 33            | 24            | 1            | 23                    | 21                    | 26          | 24          | 29          | 26          | 31          | 29          |
| Washington. . . . .          | 16            | 16            | 0            | 16                    | 15                    | 28          | 26          | 26          | 24          | 16          | 15          |
| Rock Rimmon . . . . .        |               |               |              |                       |                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Chestnut Hill . . . . .      | 22            | 21            | 0            | 21                    | 16                    | 24          | 23          | 21          | 19          | 21          | 19          |
| Holyoke . . . . .            | 13            | 13            | 1            | 12                    | 12                    | 17          | 16          | 12          | 11          | 12          | 11          |
| Federal . . . . .            | 27            | 24            | 0            | 24                    | 20                    | 16          | 16          | 16          | 13          | 19          | 18          |
| Lake Vale. . . . .           | *             | *             | *            | *                     | *                     | 6           | 6           | 6           | 6           | *           | *           |
| Union. . . . .               | 24            | 23            | 0            | 23                    | 20                    | 18          | 16          | 19          | 16          | 22          | 19          |
| West Hill. . . . .           | 9             | 6             | 0            | 6                     | 6                     | 9           | 8           | 9           | 8           | 9           | 8           |
| East Hill. . . . .           |               |               |              |                       |                       |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Laurel. . . . .              | 12            | 12            | 1            | 11                    | 11                    | 11          | 11          | 9           | 8           | 12          | 11          |
| Blue Meadow . . . . .        | 11            | 11            | 1            | 10                    | 10                    | 7           | 7           | 7           | 6           | 9           | 8           |
|                              | 378           | 352           | 36           | 316                   | 270                   | 368         | 346         | 352         | 331         | 345         | 320         |

\* Included in Federal.

## \* Roll of Honor.

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PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE NINE YEARS.

Ruth E. Jackson.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE SEVEN YEARS.

Anna Coleman.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE FIVE YEARS.

Maria Baggs.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO YEARS.

George M. Forrest.

John Keys.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE YEAR.

Jean Forrest,

Lewis Dodge,

Belding Jackson,

Fred Damon,

Garfield Hubbard,

Joseph Rys.

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE TWO TERMS.

Waring Randall,

Blake Jackson,

Susie Squires,

Walter Dodge,

Floyd Peeso,

Bernadette Shea,

Michael Shea,

Annie Syper,

May Sullivan,

Nellie Landers,

\* For year ending June 30, 1910.



Henry Rys,  
 Jennie Wludyka,  
 Luella Bardwell,  
 William Kimball,  
 Esther Jackson,

Joseph Topor,  
 Michael Topor,  
 Harold Hudson,  
 Rose Smith,

PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE ONE TERM.

Agnes Thayer,  
 Gertrude Shea,  
 Harold Allen,  
 Florence Baggs,  
 Daniel Coleman,  
 Raymond Jenks,  
 Clark Spellman,  
 Lucy Warner,  
 John Jackson,  
 Celia Blackmer,  
 Kathleen Forrest,  
 Laura Robinson,  
 Florence Robinson,  
 William Bridgman,  
 Wells Stacey,  
 Robert Hanifin,  
 Earl Witt,  
 Maud La Crosse,  
 John Sullivan,  
 Edward Kroisse,  
 Josie Shea,  
 Nora Sullivan,  
 Bertha Kulic,  
 Joseph Le Bida,  
 Francis Shea,  
 Jessie Superwaski,  
 Viola Canterbury,  
 Edward Keys,  
 Flora Wludyka,  
 Helen Calkins,

Minnie Stadler,  
 Doris Spellman,  
 William Shaw,  
 Marie Davis,  
 Orrin Davis,  
 Florence Morse,  
 Dorothy Thompson,  
 Ethel Dewey,  
 Irene Orlando,  
 Olive Demarest,  
 Louise Davis,  
 Jessie Orlando,  
 Pearl Dunbar,  
 Osborne Davis,  
 Edward Robinson,  
 Lucy Flint,  
 Edward Joblonski,  
 Annie Sullivan,  
 John Landers,  
 Rose Smith,  
 Jerry Sullivan,  
 Mildred Sullivan,  
 Mae La Cross,  
 Stanley Le Bida,  
 Josie Shea,  
 Bernard Keys,  
 Patrick Keys,  
 Peter Wludyka,  
 Albert Brown,  
 Lizzie Gula,

Daniel Mc Donnell,  
Jerry Cavanaugh,  
Katherine Austin,  
Josephine Cavanaugh,  
William Engelman,  
Herbert Bardwell,  
Catherine Mc Killop,  
Myrtle Blackmer,  
George Monroe,  
Leona Farley,  
Ralph Fillmore,  
Florence Rhodes,  
Lewis Thayer,

Joseph Cavanaugh,  
Garrett Cavanaugh,  
Alice Austin,  
Merton Shumway,  
Edgar Shumway,  
Celinda Clough,  
Florence Clough,  
Fanny Pierce,  
Almira Dodge,  
Charlotte Fillmore,  
Leo Jenks,  
Charles Readon.



# Minutes of Town Meeting held March 8, 1910.

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Meeting called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by Town Clerk, Arthur Bridgman who read the warrant and then called for action under article one.

## ARTICLE 1.

George H. B. Green was elected Moderator.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. E. Eno.

## \* ARTICLE 2.

The report of the assessors was read and accepted after which on motion of D. D. Hazen it was voted to waive the reading of the reports of the several town officers and to act upon each separately by its title. Then the time for the opening of the polls having arrived, it was voted to suspend further action on article two and take up article three. The following election officers having been sworn by the moderator the polls were formally opened.

Gate keepers, S. B. Signor and Andrew Sayers.

Ballot clerks, Frank Austin and M. E. Williams.

Tellers, Eugene Flaherty and Everett Stebbins.

Counters, E. A. Randall, Myron G. Ward, Michael Bowler and Herbert F. Shaw.

At 11 30 o'clock voted to again take up article 2 while still continuing action under article 3. Article 2 resumed and the remaining reports of the town officers were accepted.

## ARTICLE 4.

Officers chosen by nomination.

Tree Warden, James A. Peeso. (qualified)

Three Fence Viewers; A. L. Pratt, Henry M. Jepson, and W. M. Goodell. (qualified)

8 Measurers of Wood.

8 Surveyors of Lumber.

Guy C. Allen Jr.,

Guy C. Allen Jr.,

James A. Peeso, (qualified)

E. E. Snow, (qualified)

E. A. R. Fairchild, “

Philip Dodge, “

W. M. Goodell, “

James A. Peeso, “

Philip Dodge, “

Edward R. Peeso, “

E. A. Fuller, “

Fred Fuller, “

Myron A. Shaw, “

Homer S. Pratt, “

W. H. Belding. “

H. H. Barrett. “

6 Field Drivers.

2 Almoners Whiting Street and

Fred Fuller,

Mrs. S. M. D. Bridgman Fund.

Alonzo Blackmer,

Mrs. M. A. Morse,

W. M. Goodell, (qualified)

Mrs. M. G. Ward.

Francis Wilson,

C. Bridgman Fund, 3 years.

George Dwight,

Samuel Allen.

Lyman Randolph.

## ARTICLE 5.

Money for support of schools. Voted to raise \$ 5,000.00 and then voted to take up article twenty-seven.

## ARTICLE 27.

Voted to accept the following motion made by James A. Peeso.

Sec. 1. It is moved that the town maintain in each of its public wells on the common at all times and seasons of the year a suitable pump for the use and convenience of all citizens and for the use of the general public.

Sec. 2. And also, that it shall permit no pipe or aqueduct to be laid from either the south or middle wells (so called) to any residence or place of business for domestic or manufacturing purposes.

Sec. 3. And that the pipe extending from Park View Hotel into the north well shall be so cut off that the lower end of the remain-



ing part in said well shall be three feet above the original bottom of said well.

Sec. 4. And further, that no other additional grant or privilege shall be made or given to any person or persons in relation to the use and occupation of the water in either of the said wells until after the conditions of the grant or privilege is first submitted by the town at an annual March meeting.

#### ARTICLE 28.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to carry out the vote on or before Nov. 1, 1910, of the preceding article.

#### ARTICLE 6.

Pauper expense. Voted to lay on table and take up article 33.

#### ARTICLE 33.

Voted to indefinitely postpone action on Art. 33 and then voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,000.00 for pauper expenses.

#### ARTICLE 29.

Voted to indefinitely postpone action on this article and then voted to reconsider and to raise the sum of \$ 100.00.

#### ARTICLE 30.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50.00 for the G. A. R. Memorial Day.

#### ARTICLE 31.

Voted to raise the sum of \$ 200.00 to purchase the Dillon lot.

#### ARTICLE 26.

Voted to lay on the table at 3 o'clock. Voted to keep the polls open until 4 o'clock.

#### ARTICLE 25.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 150.00, and that a committee be empowered to expend the money to the best of their ability.

#### ARTICLE 7.

Money for town expenses. Voted to raise the sum of \$ 2,500.00

## ARTICLE 8.

Money for highways and bridges. Voted to raise the sum of \$ 3,500.00.

## ARTICLE 9.

Treasurer's Bond. Voted to pay for Treasurer's bond.

## ARTICLE 10.

Voted that the town pay for tax collector's bond, stationery and postage, not to exceed the sum of \$ 35.00. At 4 o'clock, voted to keep polls opened one half hour longer.

## ARTICLE 24.

Voted to raise the sum of \$ 100.00 for concrete walk from E. A. Fuller & Co.'s corner, to a point opposite the creamery.

## ARTICLE 11.

Voted to leave with the selectmen.

## ARTICLE 12.

Voted to raise the sum of \$ 350.00 for the purpose of lighting the streets. At 4.30 o'clock voted to keep polls open for one half hour.

## ARTICLE 13.

Voted to authorize the chairman of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and to raise the sum of \$ 300 to pay discount on same.

## ARTICLE 23.

Voted to build a concrete walk beginning where the present walk terminates near the house of Mrs. Mary S. Shumway, to a point opposite the house of Henry M. Aldrich, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 75.00.

## ARTICLE 14.

Voted to authorize.

## ARTICLE 15.

Voted that the town give a discount of 1 per cent on taxes paid on or before Sept. 1, and that they charge interest at the rate of 6 per cent on taxes not paid Nov. 1. Taxes paid between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1, to be settled at face value.



ARTICLE 16.

Care of clock. Voted to leave with the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 17.

Committee on appropriations. Voted a committee of 3 be chosen by nomination and the following persons were chosen, D. D. Hazen, M. A. Morse and R. E. Fairchild, to be known as a committee on appropriations.

ARTICLE 18.

Burying ground. Voted to raise the sum of \$ 100.00 for the several burying grounds.

ARTICLE 19.

Voted to raise the sum of \$ 200.00 to build a building to house road machine etc.

ARTICLE 20.

Voted to raise the sum of \$ 50.00 to pay Fred Burnett for loss of horse.

ARTICLE 21.

Voted to accept the sum of \$ 100.00 from the estate of Harriet E. Eaton for care of lot in Mt. Hope cemetery.

ARTICLE 22.

Voted to indefinitely postpone action on art. 22.

ARTICLE 32.

Voted to discharge the committee.

ARTICLE 34.

Guide Boards. No report to be made.

ARTICLE 35.

No other business to transact.

ARTICLE 3.

At 8.30 o'clock the counting of the ballots being completed the moderator announced the results as follows :

## TOWN CLERK.

Arthur Bridgman, 264 votes, 52 blanks.

## TOWN TREASURER.

Arthur Bridgman, 252 votes,  
Winslow S. Piper, 1 vote, 63 blanks.

## SELECTMEN.

|                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Myron S. Barton, 165 votes.        | E. F. Shumway, 1 vote. |
| Edward R. Peeso, 256 " (qualified) | Clayton R. Green, 1 "  |
| Edgar E. Sargent, 250 " "          | Myron Shaw, 1 "        |
| Asa C. Smith, 181 " "              | Arthur Jenks, 1 "      |
| E. A. Randall, 1 vote.             | E. C. Witt, 1 "        |
| D. K. Shumway, 1 "                 | Blanks, 89.            |

## ASSESSOR, for 3 years.

Almon L. Pratt, 264 votes, (qualified)  
Thomas Landers, 6 votes, " Blanks, 46.

## AUDITOR.

Guy C. Allen, 236 votes, D. D. Hazen, 1 vote, blanks, 79.

## TAX COLLECTOR.

Dwight F. Shumway, 225 votes,  
Harry P. Jackson, 1 "  
H. F. Curtis, 1 "  
Blanks, 89.

## CONSTABLES.

|                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Guy C. Allen, Jr., 178 votes, (qual.) | Chas. A. Marsh, 102 votes. |
| M. F. Austin, 183 " "                 | D. F. Shumway, 109 "       |
| J. A. Peeso, 140 " "                  | G. W. Canterbury, 105 "    |
| M. S. Barton, 174 " "                 | John B. Shea, 73 "         |
| E. A. R. Fairchild, 168 " "           | blanks, 357.               |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 years. SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1 year.

|                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Roswell Allen, 227, votes, (qual.) | E. A. Fairchild, 196 votes, (qual.) |
| Blanks, 89,                        | Rosabelle Olds, 100 votes.          |
|                                    | Blanks, 22.                         |



BURIAL GROUND COMMISSIONERS, for 3 years.

Alfred H. Hubbard, 234 votes, H. F. Shaw, 1 vote. blanks, 81.

LICENSE.

Yes, 154 votes. No, 152 votes. blanks, 10.

Meeting adjourned at 8-30 o'clock without date.

ARTHUR BRIDGMAN, *Town Clerk.*

# Town Warrant.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,  
in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose the following named town officers: A Town Clerk, three Selectmen, a Treasurer, an Auditor, five Constables, a Tax Collector, all for one year; One School Committee for three years, and one Burial Ground Commissioner for three years, one Assessor for three years; also to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, vote "yes" or "no," all on one ballot in accordance with the Australian ballot system, adopted by the town, November 4, 1890.

ART. 4. To choose the following named town officers by nomi-



nation : One Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, eight Measurers of Wood, eight Surveyors of Lumber, six Field Drivers, two Almoners of the Whiting Street Fund, and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, all for one year, and one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

ART. 5. To raise money for the support of schools, to include the cost of fuel, school books, and other supplies, and transportation, also salaries of teachers, School Committee, Superintendent, Truant Officers, Janitors and incidentals. *6000*

ART. 6. To raise money for the repair of school-houses. *200.*

ART. 7. To raise money to defray pauper expenses. *900.*

ART. 8. To raise money to defray town expenses. *2500.*

ART. 9. To raise money to repair highways and bridges and to take such action as the town shall deem best. *2000.*

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds of the Treasurer. *2*

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to pay for the bonds, stationery and postage of the Tax Collector, in addition to his salary of one hundred dollars. *2 35.*

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to the use and care of the town house. *7*

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise money to defray the expense of lighting the streets for the year ensuing, and act thereon. *290*

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, the amount borrowed not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars. *2 2*

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize its collector to use all the means for collecting taxes, that a town treasurer may use when appointed collector. *2 2*

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to fix the time when all taxes must be paid, also to see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid on, or before, a certain date, or dates, and act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will employ a person to ring the bell and care for the town clock, and act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three, to be known as the committee on appropriations, who shall



*M. L. Barton, H. A. Hopkins, J. B. Smith*  
 carefully investigate, and report to the next annual meeting, the amounts needed in the several departments, to be expended the ensuing year.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise money to defray the expense of mowing, fencing, and keeping in repair the several burying grounds, and act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$ 50.00 for the use of Post 97, G. A. R., for memorial day exercises.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept an additional sum of \$ 92.76 bequeathed to it by the late Harriet E. Eaton, the income of which shall be equivilant for the perpetual care of lot 169 in Mt. Hope cemetery.

ART. 22. To see if the town will raise a sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars, to be used in celebrating Independence day, July 4, 1911, agreeably to the petition of D. D. Hazen and 28 others.

ART. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$ 400, to pay discount on notes.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$ 600, drawn in excess of appropriations in previous years.

ART. 25. To see if the town will construct a concrete sidewalk, beginning at a point near the northwesterly corner of the Highland lot, so called, there connecting with the present concrete walk, thence continuing easterly, on the southerly side of Jabish street, to a point opposite the Belchertown Creamery; also to see if the town will reappropriate the unexpended sum raised last year, under Art. 24, of the warrant for the annual meeting of March 7, 1910, for the above purpose, and raise and appropriate an additional sum sufficient to construct the walk, agreeably to the petition of D. D. Hazen and 11 others.

ART. 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate an additional sum of money sufficient to complete the sidewalk on Walnut street, so called, beginning at a point near to, or opposite, the house of Mrs. Mary S. Shumway, thence continuing westerly on the southerly side of Walnut street, so called, to a point near to and opposite the house of Henry M. Aldrich, agreeably to the petition of Ev-



erett C. Howard, and others.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to aid in the suppression of the Brown Tail Moth, as required by Chapter 381, Acts of 1905, and amendments thereto. 100

ART. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars, to be used to purchase suitable apparatus and material to suppress the Elm beetles.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to observe the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation, and raise and appropriate money for the same. 500

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to have its highways, or such parts thereof as its selectmen shall deem necessary, relocated by an actual survey thereof, during the present year: and have stone markers - with the letters, H. W. chiseled in the top of each - set at each of the several angles of the said several ways, which shall extend not less than ten and not more than thirteen inches above the surface of the surrounding ground, and further that the town raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be expended for the purpose named in this article, and act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to construct a highway, beginning at a point in the west line of Main street, which is eleven and one half feet northerly of the north-east corner of Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bridgman's house lot, and running westerly on a line parallel with the north line of said Bridgman land, 18 rods, to a point in the east line of the high school lot, 11 1-2 ft., northerly of the northwest corner of the said Bridgman land, according to the course and distances as laid out by the selectmen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to give A. M. Baggs and others, a franchise for the laying of waterpipes through the highways within the Belchertown fire district, as formerly laid out, and also permission to install electric lights within said fire district, or elsewhere within said town, as the service may be required, and act anything thereon. ~~2~~

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to build a sewer, beginning at a point on the north side of the



highway leading from Bondsville to Belchertown, near the house of Anthony Wludyka, thence across the said road about 33 feet to the land of the Boston and Albany Railroad, thence on land of said road about one hundred and fifty feet to the highway leading from Bondsville to Ludlow, thence on said road about 400 feet, to a point near the house of John Garvey, and from a point in said road near the house of James Shea, about one hundred feet to Swift River, and act thereon.

ART. 34. To see if the town will adopt the following resolutions, and take any action in reference thereto that may seem desirable.

Whereas, the grade crossings over the Boston and Maine R. R., and the Central Vermont R. R., on the highway leading past the residences of Joseph A. Lapolice, and Louis B. Robinson, are a menace to the life and safety of people travelling this highway; and whereas, the security and convenience of the public requires that certain changes and alterations should be made in connection with the crossing, and whereas, the convenience of a large number of our citizens residing in the southeasterly part of the town, doing business at our railroad station, would be greatly promoted by the building of a highway, starting on the northerly line of the present highway, at a point about 8 rods easterly from L. B. Robinson's barn, on the Springfield road, over suitable courses, to a point on the Granby road near to the westerly end of the embankment leading to the bridge now crossing the railroad tracks, and whereas; the policy of the state is to abolish all grade crossings in the near future, therefore; be it resolved; that the above mentioned highway from the Springfield road to the Granby road should be built: and that the before mentioned grade crossing should be abolished by the discontinuance of the present highway, from a point nearly opposite the residence of Joseph A. Lapolice, across the railroad tracts to the point where the proposed new road intersects with the present road.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to take the necessary measures to abolish the first grade crossing south of the Maple street Railroad Station on both the Boston and Maine and the Central Vermont Railroads.

ART. 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to place a watering trough on the Gulf Road,



so called, at or near the location of the old tub, or take any action thereon, agreeably to the petition of A. S. Lovett and twelve others.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to give a free and clear title to Mrs. Irene Humphrey, for property transferred from town to William Snow.

ART. 38. To hear the report of any committee or committees whose duty it may be to report at this meeting.

ART. 39. To hear the report of the selectmen on guide boards and act thereon.

ART. 40. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Polls to be opened at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 3 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise ordered by vote of the town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Congregational church, one on the Baptist church, one at Dwight, and one at Tylerville, seven days before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February A. D. 1911.

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| E. R. PEESO,   | } | <i>Selectmen</i>    |
| E. E. SARGENT, |   | <i>of</i>           |
| A. C. SMITH.   |   | <i>Belchertown.</i> |











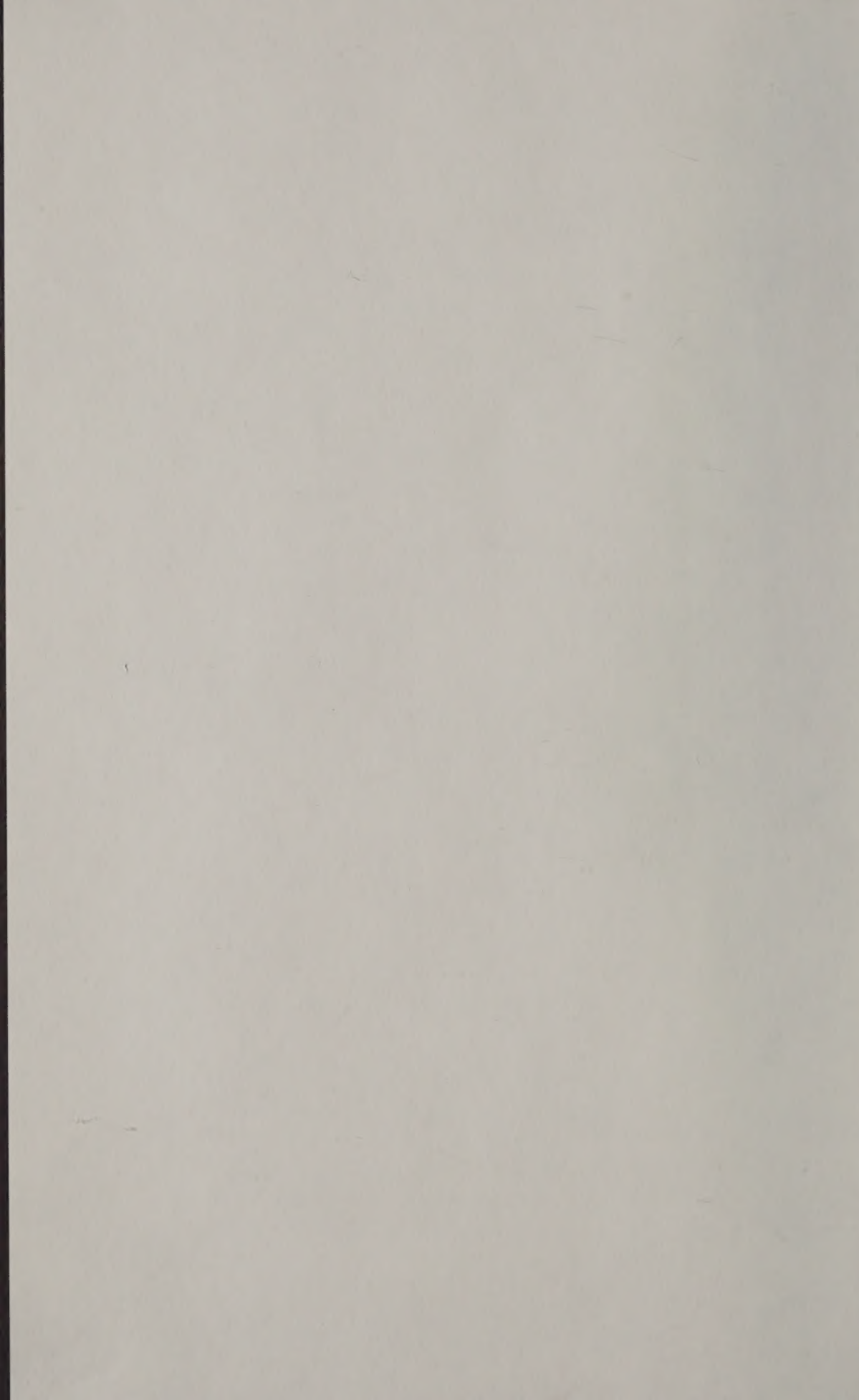


















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